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Editorials

THE COUNCIL COMMUNITY CONCERTS

Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman

Sponsored by the Montreal Council of Jewish Women, and arranged by a committee [illegible] the first of the series of community concerts will be given next Sunday evening, April 7th, at the Victoria gymnasium, 44 St. George Street. Leading Toronto artists will be on the program. If the public responds to these Sunday evening musicales, they will become a permanent feature of the work of the council. The council has stimulated all forms of recreational and cultural activities. The musical appreciation will be welcomed by many whose Sundays evening hang heavy on their hands. We commend to them the energetic efforts of the community for their comfort in this matter.

CHRISTIAN MISSIONS AND JEWS

We regret [illegible] of the sermon in the synagogue on March 23rd, which was announced with [illegible] and which was not [illegible] only a solution from the Missionaries, but also a help and [illegible] from a Fundamentalist Group, with the patronizing spirit of the [illegible] Toronto Jewish missions. The question between "Christianity and Judaism" and Christianity is made difficult in the [illegible] missions to Jews, despite their [illegible] publications. What are the [illegible] advanced in such missions? The first implication is that Judaism is an inferior form of Christianity, that a Jew, especially, that a Christian [illegible] to embrace Christianity. In other words, the establishment of missions among Jews constitutes a public insult to Judaism as a faith which has attempted to survive the [illegible] centuries of the existence and activity [illegible] of missions to the Jews constitute a severe accusation that Jews are inferior spiritually and intellectually, that the people [illegible] whose names appear prophet and saints, patriarchs and law-givers, Amos and Jesus, Spinoza and Einstein, that the people who have defied kings and emperors, nations and armies for their religious ideals and who have gladly suffered for it and yet maintained a standard of family life unsurpassed anywhere, are morally and spiritually inferior. Naturally such missions [illegible] impressions do not make for good will.

But sad and insulting as are the theoretical implications of missionary practical effects of their activities are even worse. The missions in the [illegible] are usually established in the poorer sections of [illegible] where there is greater ignorance. Secondly, these efforts [illegible] Jewish children who are lured to their missions not by the [illegible] of a kindly light, but by the [illegible] lure of [illegible] stepping poor children who are hungrier for [illegible] than they are for [illegible] And thirdly, the men in charge of these missions are usually not [illegible] Christian Jews, whose motives we may question. And it is [illegible] wise to inquire.

If that part of the Christian world which believes [illegible] Jewish world were to use its own [illegible] methods to make [illegible] such conversions and if they would concentrate their [illegible] efforts of enlightened and non-sectarian Christianity [illegible] and [illegible] among Jews, such missions would not [illegible] long [illegible]

DR. MAX HELLER

In the death of Dr. Max Heller American Jewry has lost a venerable and inspiring personality.

Rabbi Heller belonged to the old school of Reform rabbinate. The primary requisite of the rabbinate according to the tradition of the pioneer reformers was sound scholarship in what was known as "Chochmath Israel". Judaica. Like his contemporaries, Dr. Hirsch, Dr. Deutsch and Dr. Kohler, Rabbi Heller was a man of vast erudition. The rabbi is supposed to be a spiritual leader among his people. To fulfill this function, he must necessarily understand the spirit of his people. Now the Jews in their [illegible] history have given unmistakable evidence of possessing a unique and distinctive genius. They have produced a rich and variegated literature. Naturally, therefore one must turn to Jewish literature and other cultural products to apprehend the characteristics of the Jewish genius. The German Reform rabbinate rested on this conception of its mission, has produced a host of scholars, mastering the various phases of Jewish lore. Graetz, Geiger, Krochmal, Karpeles in Germany, and Hirsch, Kohler, Philipson, Deutsch, Neumark and Heller in America, were among the exponents of the scholar type in the Reform rabbinate.

The underlying conception of the early Reform ideology was that Jewish life as it was currently constituted was incapable of cultural creativeness. The Jews were an integral part of their environment. They could participate in its activities and accept its standards of values for their own. They could not muster enough power to create any new cultural worlds in the spirit of their own universe. It only remained for them to rely on the resources of their inheritance, to subsist on the cultural wealth accumulated by their ancestors. The only cultural exercise left for them was to carry on a more or less thorough system of accountancy of their legacies. They could only hope to keep a check on their capital and interest, or the withdrawals. Increasing the capital was out of the question.

The attitude of the early Reform Rabbinate, including the leaders of the movement in America, towards the contemporary Jewish scene was one of cynicism. Jewish life they assumed was sterile. Nothing need be expected of it. Destiny had decreed that it was to keep on existing. They patronized for it a mission of discriminating religious doctrines in a suppositious universal world. Actually the task of the living Jews was to keep the Jews [illegible] all unassimilable Jewish elements; to wipe their spiritual [illegible] clean to prevent that the developments of their environment might be arrested in time. The heritage of Jewish traditions and attitudes — [illegible] attitudes of antiquity — was to be treasured in the vaults of an [illegible] to be visited on Saturdays or Sundays.

The Graetz and the Hirschs and the Kohlers drew a sharp line of demarcation between the world of Judaism and the world of "Judentum". To the former they ascribed reality and value. The latter they ignored. In fact the whole movement for secular and social study of all problems and all [illegible] relations. The Jewish question had been reduced to a simple equation, the [illegible] Jewish realization of Jewishness in Jewish religious [illegible] and for the rest, let Jews make their surroundings, in all their aspects, to the best of their ability. A [illegible] formula: Jew = American, Jew = German, Jew = Pole. In all respects except the [illegible] the religious [illegible]

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Mr and Mrs F Rothschild Mrs I Davis of New York and Mrs I Marks of Paterson N J who were in town for the Dalsey Miller wedding have returned

Miss Estelle Newman of Oshawa Ont is visiting Mr and Mrs I S Hermann Park Ste Antoine Road

Mr and Mrs Arthur Newman of Oshawa Ont were visiting in New York last week

Mrs Harry A Shapiro Madison Avenue was hostess Sunday evening March 26 to Mr and Mrs C Rothschild and Mrs I Davis of New York Mrs I Marks of Paterson N J Mr and Mrs S Miller Mr and Mrs M Davis and Mr and Mrs Harry Shapiro

Miss Anita Lyne Villeneuve Street West gave a bridge to honor Miss Molly Herschovitch who has just returned from a trip to New York and other points At the party were Misses Della Goldfarb Molly Herschovitch Celia Hankin Hat Golden Minnie Bolick Bobbie Brownstein Dora Katz Pearl Bolsby Gertrude Rose Rose Stone Mrs S Bolder assisted in serving Prizes were won by Misses Gertrude Rose and Pearl Bolsby The honoree was presented with a pair of silver salt shakers

Miss Violet Rittenberg Bolduc Avenue is back from a two months trip to New York Lakewood and Newark N J

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Union Bethel Chapter held an at home at the home of Mrs W Silver 154 Bloomfield Avenue Mrs I M Rosenzweig the guest speaker gave a description of the opening of the Hebrew University at which she was present Mrs S Rabin thanked her when Mendelssohn played his piano Mrs S Hollins reported on Bazaar Happenings next week will be an at home at the home of Mrs A Vallinsky 1391 Laplante Avenue with Mrs A A Feldman as guest Mr Milstein will speak on Mental Hygiene April 10 at Bagdad Headquarters

Shaar Hashomayim Chapter of Hadassah met April 3 Mrs Leo Feingold presided Plans were completed with Justice under the Physical Development of Jewish Youth in Palestine Fund Sale of Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue April 9 Tea

Bathurst Branch Chapter met at the home of Mrs H Berry 1178 Glenarvon Street West Tea served At Bridal Bureau spoke on Palestine Mrs J Feldbrook thanked the members Mrs A Hershfield also spoke Next meeting at the home of Mrs H Lewis 1 Grey Avenue April 17

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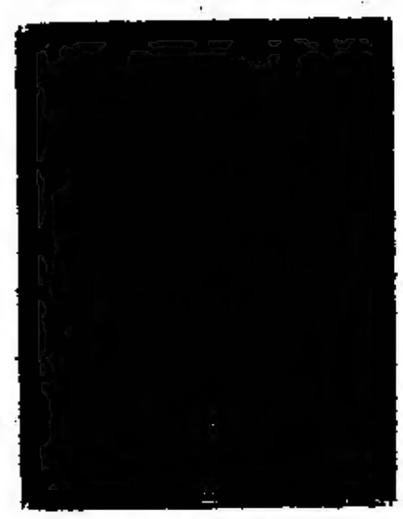

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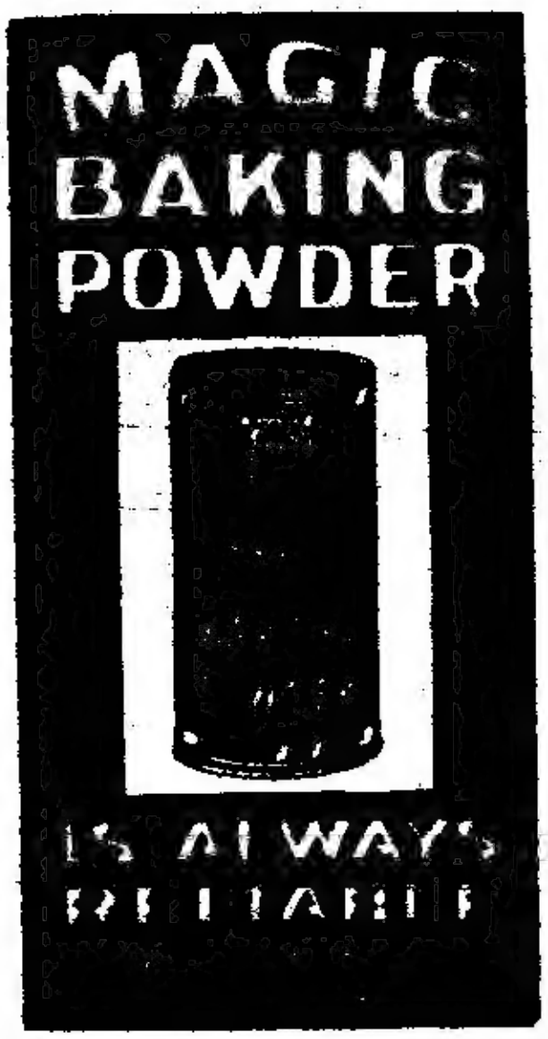

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The marriage of Nessie daughter of ... and Mrs. Edward Hart son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex I. Hart takes place at the chapel of Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue Tuesday April ... at 2:30 P.M. Montreal will attend.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. D. Rappaport announce the engagement of their daughter Rose to Dan son of Mr. and Mrs. Hirschfield of St. Catherine St. Montreal.

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Gerda Mysrael who has recently come from Palestine to tour the United States and Canada in the interests of the Pioneer Women, will be in Montreal April 2, 3 and 4. Wednesday's Conversazione, when the developing of personality will be the subject of the first address in English, Sunday, April 2, at 2 p.m. at the Hotel Mount Royal. Monday evening, April 3, she will speak at Amity Hall.

JUNEBUDS CLUB PARTY

Junebuds Club held a Purim masquerade party Saturday, March 25 at Tillie Binder's home, St. Urbain Street. Guests were decorated in costumes red and gold. Entertainment by Penny Alkoff, Irene Polonsky, Ely Harmon, Syd Harris and Ralph Cohen. Present were: Rose Milstein, Tillie Binder, Edith Shapiro, Anne Bernhardt, Ettie Singer, Rae Rodman, Rita Polonsky, Ettie Smith, Betty Lerner, Bertha Schwartz and Penny Alkoff, Syd Harris, Ralph Cohen, Lou Epstein, Mac Lecker, Mac Berger, Jack Sverdlove, Ely Harmon, Mac Zuposen, Bob Lavell, Lee Krakower, Jack Abrams, Fred Resnick, Lee Cook.

CLUB INAUGURATED

Melrose Club was inaugurated at a banquet held Tuesday, March 28th, at "Old Heidelberg." Hostess of evening was Anne Gordon. Toast to King, Bessie Shoverdeh, to Melrose, Joseph Rosen; reply, Anne Gordon. [illegible] Present were Anne Gordon in orange taffeta with tulle. Bessie Shoverdeh, white and rose taffeta. Rose Lerner, peach taffeta with lace. Sarah Freedman, peach taffeta with lace. Fannie Shapiro, apple green taffeta. Tillie Goldbloom, maize velvet with tulle. Jennie Shoverdeh, maize georgette, and Annie Lee, Berlin white net. Pearl Lee Schaffe, peach georgette. Rose Blenkman, blue satin. Jennie Schaffe, maize satin with tulle and Isidore Goodlesky. Henry Silverstone, Jack Gould, Louis Holman, Joseph Kruger, Mrs. Clayman, Jack Goodberg, Herman Lewis, Ernest Rosen, David Bernstein, Joseph Rose, Charles Wolfson, Ben Abrams and Sam Rubin.

TO ADDRESS SOCIETY ON DELINQUENCY

Judge Joseph O. Lacroix, K.C., judge of the Juvenile Court and of the Court of Sessions, will address the Jewish Educational Society, at the Mount Royal Hotel, Sunday evening, April 2nd, on "Juvenile Court Work in the City of Montreal, Its Jurisdiction, and the Cause of Juvenile Delinquency." Judge Lacroix is a graduate of McGill University, attaining the degree of LL.B. in 1908. He has been prosecuting attorney for the Government. He has acted as extradition Commissioner and was recently invited to head the National Conference on Education during the Health of April in Vancouver, as Montreal's representative. As judge of the Juvenile Court he has heard upwards of 28,000 cases. Lyon W. Jacobs, K.C., will also participate in the discussion with Justice Lacroix. Louis Glaser, president, will preside.

SPEAKS ON LAWYER'S DUTY

Judge Gendron, K.C., will be guest speaker at the Baron de Hirsch Book Club Sunday, April 7th at 8 p.m. at the Institute, 3640 Henry St. Subject: "A Lawyer's Duty to his Client." Public invited. A play under the direction of Miss Ruth Dreker will be given by Misses Ruth Dreker, Sarah Mostovitch, Celia Lesoff and David L. Hershtein and Irving Miller. A. I. Levinson president, will preside. Musical program.

CLUB MASQUERADE PARTY

The J.A.B.H.H. Club entertained at a Purim masquerade party at the home of Miss Mildred Tannenbaum, 56 Upper Avenue, Outremont, Saturday evening, March 25. Misses Eva Goldschlager, came as a ballet; Lillian Goldschlager, pirate; Bessie Hillele, Chinese girl; Sarah Heft, vamp; Flo Liberman, baby doll costume. Mac Silverman, Hilda Shenfield, gigolo; Hella Shaffner, sailor; Mildred Tannenbaum, Anne Wexler, tomboy, and Harry Anchel, Dot Bernstein, Mac Cursley, Flo Liberman, Sidney Heft, Dot Herman, Dr. Kaplan, Cecil Lavey, Mac Margolese, Jack Katz, Al Shuster, Bob Schlesinger, Dave Shenfield, Al Mehrotra, Leah Robinson, Bill Thomas and Hy Wexler. Program: Harry Anchel and Al Shuster, monologues; Misses Lillian Goldschlager, Flo Liberman and Dot Bernstein, Mac Cursley and Sidney Heft in vocal selections; Harry Anchel, musical saw; Sidney Heft, violin; Leon Solomon, juke-box; Mac Margolese, harmonica; Misses Hella Shaffner, Oriental dancers, and Misses Rita Shenfield and Flo Liberman, musical telegraphy contest. Sidney Heft and Mac Cursley assisted Misses Lillian Goldschlager and Mildred Tannenbaum in serving refreshments.

Miss Lillian Goldschlager, 56 Upper Street, hostess of the J.A.B.H.H. Club, entertained her fellow members at her country home at London Heights, Sunday, March 26. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. Goldschlager and children, Ray and Sylvia Katz, and Violet Zarkott, and Harry Anchel, Mac Cursley, Eddie Erdal, Phil Ellenick, Sidney Heft, Allen Brownlie, Mac Margolese, Paul Segal, Leon Solomon, Ely Phillips, Jack Wallstein, and Hy Wexler.

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Committees for "Outward Bound" were: play general chairman, Isaac Diner; programme, chairman, Arthur Levin; ticket distribution, chairman, Edward A. Friedman; programme committee, Arthur Levin, chairman, Horace H. Cohen, Mac Levitt, Alderman Louis Rabinovitch, J. Albert Brook Hatton, Colonel Charles Fortescue, Rev. H. Vickers, Hon. F. Bertram, G. Goldwater, I. Steinhauer, I. Diner, Harry Parsikis, Leon Levin, B. Weinstein, A. Capelovitch, Sam Zackon, Dave Jacobs, Dave Shalinsky, Michael Morris, Abe Bronfman and George Rotsky. Ticket committee, E. A. Friedman, chairman, Dave Shalinsky, Dr. H. H. Pearson and S. L. Park.

JUST A CLUB

Just a Club met at the home of Miss Rae Goodman, March 14. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Figler were guests. Mr. Figler spoke on "Clubs." The hostess was assisted by Miss Goldie Goldberg. The meeting of March 21 was held at the home of Miss Anne Goldenblatt. Dr. H. Bernstein spoke on "Initiation and Assimilation." Misses Celia and Sarah Cohen assisted in serving.

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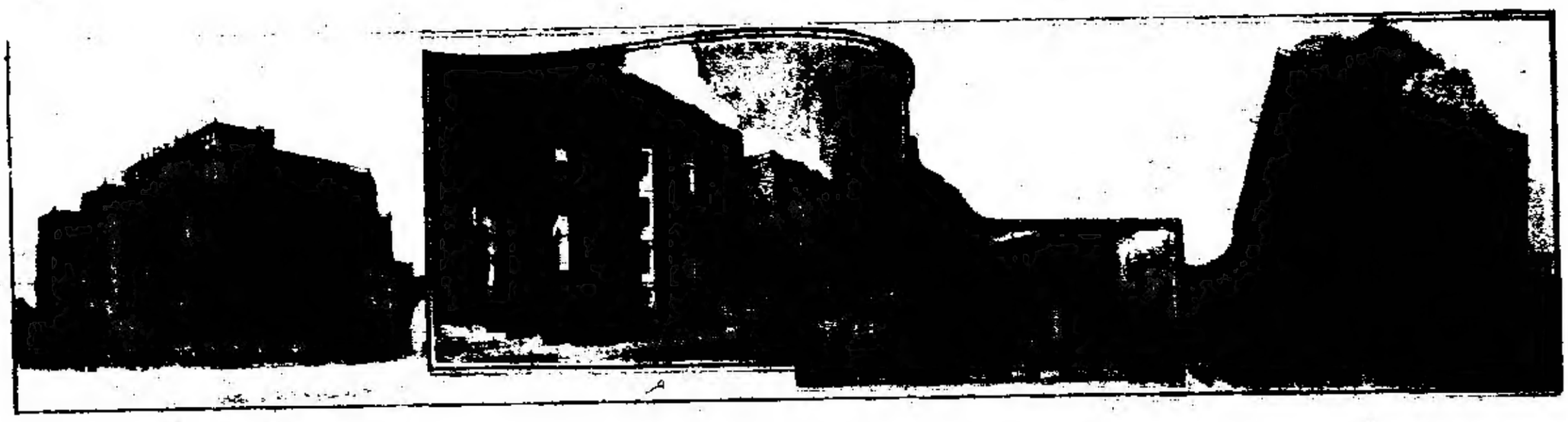

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E. Kahn sold to W. A. Kirby lot No. 955-252 town of Mount Royal, measuring 25 by 80 feet, with buildings bearing the civic No. 1919 fronting on Dorchester street, for $8,000.

C. Pelser et ux sold to L. Mill lot No. 287 St. Louis ward, measuring 20 by 42 feet with buildings bearing the civic Nos. 55 and 57 Dowling on Demontigny street, for $3,000.

B. Bregman sold to E. Alfer lot No. 12-84 St. John ward, measuring 47½ by 56 feet, with buildings bearing the civic Nos. 5209 and 5215 fronting on Cavgnin street, for $4,800.

C. Simovitch sold to J. Sharpe southeast half of lot No. 11-445, St. Michael ward, measuring 25 by 55 feet, with buildings bearing the civic Nos. 5504, 5506, fronting on Clarke street, for $6,100.

M. Rosen sold to A. Zingbolm lots Nos. 12-15-2, 12-16-34, St. Michael ward, measuring 50 by 110 feet, with buildings bearing the civic Nos. 5423 to 5427 fronting on Park avenue, for $10,000.

Mrs. L. Lipsey et al sold to J. Pigeon north part of lot No. 1852, St. Anne's Ward, measuring 4,873 feet, with buildings Nos. 16 to 32 Ash street, for $22,500.

C. Simovitch sold to J. Sharpe southeast half of lot No. 11-446 St. Michael ward, measuring 25 by 55 feet, with buildings bearing the civic Nos. 5501 5505 fronting on Clarke Street for $6,100.

S. J. Shuell sold to B. Goldfarb lots Nos. 4-145 to 146, St. Edward ward, without buildings and fronting on Chamford street, for $600.

Mrs. R. Abramovitch et vir sold to B. Levin lots Nos. 178-209-2, 178-210-2, 178-211-2, 178-212-2, etc., Notre Dame de Grace ward, with buildings bearing civic No. 350, fronting on Oxford avenue, for $1,500 and considerations.

P. Levy sold to A. Vealne lot No. 151-55, Rosemount ward, without buildings, and fronting on Dandurand street, for $600.

M. Rosen sold to A. Zingbolm lots Nos. 12-15-2, 12-16-34, St. Michael ward, measuring 50 by 110 feet, with buildings bearing the civic Nos. 5423 to 5427 fronting on Park avenue, for $10,000.

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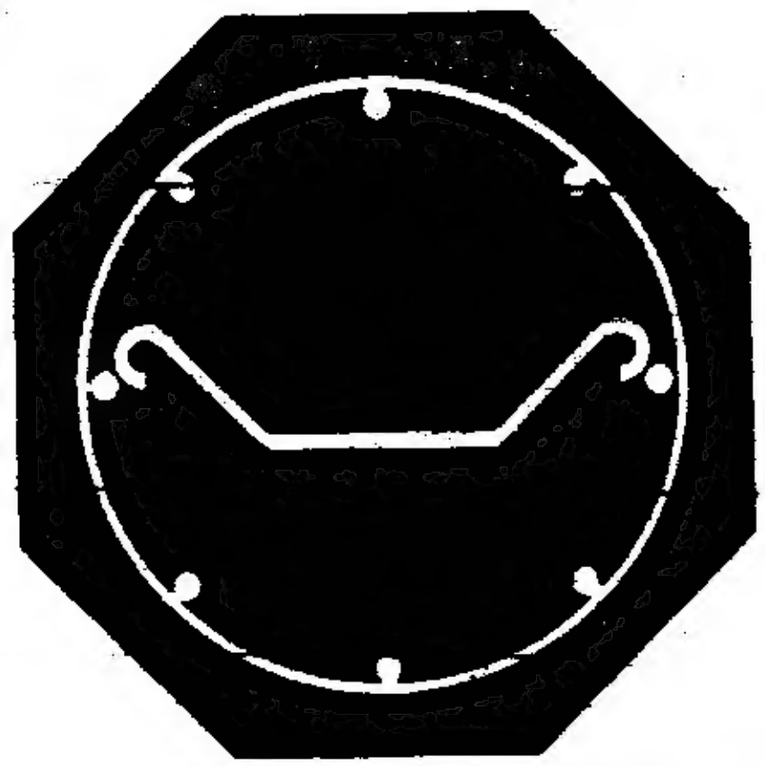

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Montreal Social

Mrs Harris Abecassis, Dorchester Street West entertained at bridge and tea on the main floor of the Windsor Hotel Tuesday afternoon in honor of Mrs Lawrence Mrs Jerome J N Neuburger Mrs Fraser Jacobs S Rodger W Shuchat Leo Newmark Sam Posner Jay Perlman Gordon Libby Percy Jacobs Herbert Newmark Philip Gerbrose Mrs Lesley L Bricker Jr Abecassis Jr Gershon J Stuart W Elliott M Abecassis Jr Rodger J Lebow M S Singer J Brock and Misses Sarah Solomon Marjorie Newmark Reba Slovin Fay Rachel and Ruth Arnold Prizes were won by Mrs Lawrence J N Neuburger L Bricker and J Stuart

Miss Ray Cohen City Hall avenue entertained at her home Thursday March 20th Betty Perlman Leah Sadler Sara Nagler Jack Fine Arnold Brisman and Sam Selman

Mrs M Adler Cedar Street was hostess at a farewell party in honor of Mrs S Hecker of Montreal who has left to live in Toronto Attending were Mr and Mrs A H Wasserman Mr and Mrs L Wasserman Mr and Mrs M Wasserman Mr and Mrs S Wasserman Mr and Mrs M Butterman Mr and Mrs I Newberg Mr and Mrs L Rosenberg Mr and Mrs S Rabinovitch Mesdames H Bronze C Horowitz D Tager N Cohenkin R Mosses H Yelensky Miss Freda Wasserman and Louis Wasserman The honoree was presented with an silver and pearl fruit piece toilet set by the hostess

Miss Fillie Fishman entertained at bridge Sunday evening March 24 Misses Esther Kaplanstock Rose Goodeve Esther Shusman Bessie Cohen Lily Friedhandler Esther Katz Regie Feldman and Lillie Solomon Prize winners were Misses Bessie Cohen and Sarah Zats

Mr and Mrs William Shapiro have left for Bermuda on their honeymoon following their marriage in New York March 11 and are expected to return to Montreal early in April Mrs Shapiro was formerly Miss Lillian Elaine Schnaider of East Orange N J

Miss Mary Gross entertained at two tables of bridge March 22 at home of Mrs I Altman Her friends Altman welcoming Misses Annie Needleman Regina Slinak Fanny Platt Tauba Greenspoon Sally Matus Jennie Braskow Rose Davidson Celia Weinstein Etta Ventitsky Annie Smilovitch Annie Slinak Nettie Gross Ruth Baranoff and Mesdames H Dorfman and R Belt The honoree was presented with a hand embroidered tea apron Prizes were won by Mrs H Dorfman and Misses Annie Needleman Rose Davidson and Fanny Platt

Miss Annie Sadler 6th Waverley Street entertained Saturday night March 22 at a Purim masquerade party Among those present were Misses Tena Levitt Lily Segalwall Lily Rosenman Bobbie Flanders Ida Rosenberg Bella Leibovitch Ray Yuffe Anne Sadler and Leah Sadler and Harry Flax Hyman Leibovitch Eddie Jacobs Sydney Frank Jack Silverman Fred Wolfe Sydney Rebhuhn Joe Cutler and Nat Segalwall A prize was awarded Miss Robye Flanders for the most original costume

Mrs B Katzoff gave a surprise linen shower and bridge Wednesday March 20, as a compliment to Miss Mary Gross a bride-elect of June 29 Guests were Mesdames I Smith B Caplan H Solomon A Solomon F Baranoff S Baranoff S Millman B Dorfman S Slinin S Feldman I Katzoff H Smilovitch M Berk H Cohen H Bell Y Frank E Gross L Vineberg and E Schwartz Prizes were won by Mesdames A Solomon B Caplan F Baranoff I Smith and I Katzoff

Mr and Mrs Samuel Silverman, Waverley Street, were hosts at a dinner party Sunday evening, March 24 honoring their daughter Bessie, whose engagement has been announced to Alex Solomon, son of Mr and Mrs Abraham Solomon Present were Mr and Mrs A Solomon Mr and Mrs S Solomon, Mr and Mrs J Solomon, Mr and Mrs A Solomon, Jack, Mac and Irving Solomon, Misses Fae, Mary and Fay Solomon Mr and Mrs W Maltz, Mr and Mrs Cohen, Mrs L Azriel Mr and Mrs I Brodsky Mrs L Schwartz Mr and Mrs W Ross, B Silverman Mr and Mrs B Rubin Mr and Mrs H Azriel, Mr and Mrs M Wolff Mr and Mrs L Fineguld Mr and Mrs F Kucharsky Mr and Mrs L Ekers, Mrs Berger and Misses Bertha Mayers and Lottie Maltz

Mrs J Block and Miss Sarah Block were joint hostesses at a linen and personal shower and twelve tables of bridge Thursday March 28 as a courtesy to Miss Annie Block a bride-elect of June 18 Guests were Mesdames I Block J Block H M Pantofsky P I Hoffman B Dworkin P Monreal M Gillets S Klein A Lenman L Segal I Glazer I Brooks J Schachter M Shadowitz A Glazer Lida Max S Schmarch M Beer M Cooper Senior M Cooper Junior P Friedman and P Miller of Lachine and Misses Renee Friedman of Lachine, Annie Saltz and Anne Block Susie Ikeman Rae Segal Anne Segal Fanny Brooks Minnie Shadowitz Reva Rabinstein Rose Schmarch Bertha Brooks Nessie and Jennie Danesky and Ida Pinter

Mr and Mrs M Simon City Hall Avenue were hosts at a dinner of thirty-five guests Tuesday, March 25 to celebrate their twenty fifth wedding anniversary The table was decorated with roses and candles Mr and Mrs Simon received the guests the latter wearing a silver lace gown with shoes to match and were assisted by their daughters Mrs H Dorfman in mauve georgette and lace Mrs M Feldman in peacock blue lace and Miss Ida Simon in peach taffeta Guests were Mr and Mrs M Dorfman Mr and Mrs B Shalinsky Mr and Mrs D Shapiro Mr and Mrs L Feldman Mr and Mrs L Kaminsky Mr and Mrs L Gutlets Mr and Mrs D Manor Mr and Mrs H Dorfman Mr and Mrs I Feldman Misses Jessie Slovin Regina Smack Mary Gross Jennie Braskow Annie Smilovitch Eva Dorfman Bella Dorfman Annie Smack Lala Feldman and Frank Shalinsky D Dorfman A Simon and F Shapiro

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COMMENTARIES

By Rabbi Harry J. Stern, of Montreal,
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Rabbi Max Heller

The death of Rabbi Heller is a loss to American Israel. He was one of the finest of Reform Rabbis and for nearly a half century shaped Jewish life especially in the West and south sections of the U.S.A. The city of New Orleans owes much to Rabbi Heller. But especially to Zionism indebted to Rabbi Heller for having been one of the few Reform Rabbis to have espoused it in its early stages. In season and out of season, at every Reform Conference, Rabbi Maximilian Heller pleaded the cause of a Palestine restored. He had the courage of his convictions. His stand his background, his scholarship, his facile pen, his ability as a speaker, gave him a unique position in American Israel. Canadian Jewry extends its sympathy to the Heller family and especially to his son Rabbi James Heller, a worthy disciple of a great father in Israel.

Re Stock Speculators

I was very sorry for most of you during the recent "drop" in the stock exchange. Your countenances were shadowed and gloomy. And you were generally downcast. I may ask: "Is it worthwhile to choose Rabbis and Synagogues on the basis of "speculation"? Some of you might [illegible] for the glare of the stock exchange. It's a bad [illegible] unless you possess a good sense of humor. [illegible] when a stock slump takes place than all is well with you. No matter what your losses "laughter" will balance you. But [illegible] "bulls", must [illegible] "high hearted". But seriously [illegible] does not depend on the stock market. [illegible] "don't know a thing" [illegible] looked at a stock quotation in my [illegible] to turn his back on "bears" and "bulls", [illegible] and enjoy life abundantly. I believe that your grandfathers found life more beautiful without the noisy monotonous disturbing sounds of the "ticker". Their minds were at peace. They were calmed by the chants of Talmud study. They found rest in "the speculations" of Jewish law and Jewish life. Ye speculators—whither are you bound?

Australian Jewish Students

The past week, I had the good fortune to entertain two Jewish lads from far off Sydney. They are members of an Australian group of over one hundred and fifty students who are touring North America. I urge my readers to seek out Keith Harris and Lionel Cohen—when The Young Australia League comes to town. I am more than certain that to know these boys, and to be host to them is indeed a signal honor and pleasure. And above all else, their Jewish parents on the far away Australian Continent will appreciate the hospitality that will be extended to "their sons."

"A Peaceful Mobilization Against Jews"

Here is an interesting paragraph from that splendid Journal of Religion "The Christian Century" (March 23) Pass it on to your gentile neighbors.

"The promoters of missions for the conversion of the Jews to Christianity must be—and if they are acquainted with the facts of history they certainly ought to be—somewhat embarrassed by the record of the treatment which the so-called Christian world has given to the Jews for many centuries and even down to the present time. A certain amount of penitence, accompanied perhaps by sackcloth and ashes and even by circumcision and mutilation, might be an appropriate preliminary to the evangelistic movement. It is true that the promoters of these missions are not personally responsible for the anti-Semitic atrocities which have stained the annals of Christendom, but any religion must be judged by outsiders on the ground of its total record. Those who have been persecuted by Christians will, not unreasonably, hold Christianity responsible until there has been some more explicit and general disavowal than has yet been made.

As they read the story of the suffering and non-resistance of their ancestors and of the brutalities and spoliations practised by ours, the Jews might easily feel that it would be equally appropriate for them to send missionaries for the conversion of the Christians. It is surprising how prominently knights and baronets and retired admirals, colonels and captains figure in the personnel of the British missions to the Jews. Whether these titles are designed to impress the Jews and incline their hearts the more readily toward conversion or to win the support of Christians to the support of an enterprise for the winning of the most pacifistic of peoples, is not quite clear. If the Jews start a counter-mission, they might not be able to marshal such an imposing army of naval and military talent, but they could easily mobilize a really impressive general staff composed of movie and theatrical magnates."

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CHAPTER XXII

Sometimes, when I think of my past in a superficial, cursory way, the autobiographies I have been through flatter me as nothing short of a miracle. I was born and reared in the lowest depths of poverty and I arrived in America in 1885 with four cents in my pocket. I am now worth more than two million dollars and recognized as one of the two or three leading men in the cloak and suit trade in the United States. And yet when I take a look at my inner man only it impresses me as being precisely the same as it was thirty or forty years ago. My present station, power, the amount of worldly happiness at my command, and the rest of it seem to be devoid of significance.

When I was young I used to think that middle aged people recalled their youth as something seen through a haze. I know better now. Life is much shorter than I imagined it to be. The last years that I spent in my native land and my first years in America come back to me with the distinctness of yesterday. Indeed, I have a better recollection of many a trifle of my childhood days than I have of some important things that occurred to me recently. I have a good memory for faces, but I am apt to recognize people I have not seen for a quarter of a century more readily than I do some I used to know only a few years ago.

I love to brood over my youth. The dearest days in one's life are those that seem very far and very near at once. My wretched boyhood appeals to me as a sick child does to its mother.

I was born in Antomir, in the Northwestern Region, Russia, in 1865. All I remember of my father is his tawny beard, a huge yellow apple he once gave me at the gate of an orchard where he was employed as watchman, and the candle which burned at his head as his body lay under a white shroud on the floor. I was less than three years old when he died, so my mother would carry me to the synagogue in her arms to have somebody say the Prayer for the Dead with me. I was unable fully to realize the meaning of the ceremony, of course, but its solemnity and pathos were not altogether lost upon me. There is a streak of sadness in the blood of my race. Very likely it is of Oriental origin. If it is, it has been amply nourished by many centuries of persecution.

Left to her own resources, my mother strove to support herself and me by peddling pea mush or doing odds and ends of jobs. She had to struggle hard for our scanty livelihood and her trials and loneliness came home to me at an early period. I was her all in all, though she never poured over me those torrents of senseless rhapsody which I heard other Jewish mothers shower over their children. The only words of endearment I often heard from her were, "My little bean," and, "My comfort." Sometimes, when she seemed to be excited by the miseries of her life, she would call me, "My poor little orphan." Otherwise it was, "Come here, my comfort," "Are you hungry, my little bean?" or, "You are a silly little dear, my comfort." These words of hers and the sonorous contralto in which they were uttered are ever alive in my heart, like the Plains Everlasting in a synagogue.

"Mamma, why do you never beat me like other mommas do?" I once asked her.

She laughed, kissed me, and said, "Because God has punished you hard enough as it is, poor orphan mine."

I scarcely remembered my father, yet I missed him keenly. I was ever awake to the fact that other little boys had fathers and that I was a melancholy exception; that most married women had husbands, while my mother had to bear her burden unaided. In my dim childish way I knew that there was a great blank in our family nest, that it was a widow's nest; and the feeling of it seemed to color all my other feelings.

When I was a little older and would no longer sleep with my mother, a rusty old coat of my deceased father's served me as a quilt. At night, before falling asleep, I would pull it over my head, shut my eyes tight, and evoke a flow of fantastic shapes, bright, beautifully tinted, and incessantly changing form and color. While the play of these figures and hues was going on before me I would see all sorts of bizarre visions, which at times seemed to have something to do with my father's spirit.

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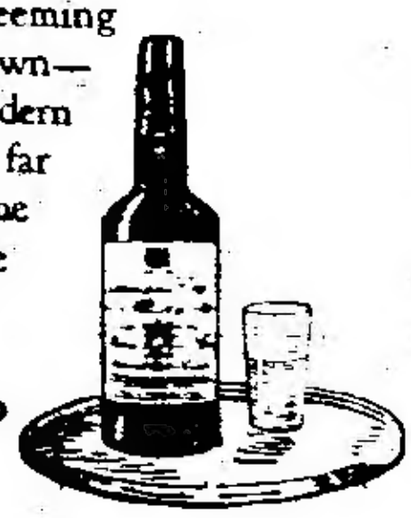

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It Came to Pass That—

—By Dr. Cecil Roth, of London, England, fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

APRIL 5TH

Decree of the Jews de Roma, at Rome, 1775. The policy of the Popes towards the Jews throughout the Middle Ages had been, generally speaking, comparatively liberal. The Reformation, however, had forced them, almost in spite of themselves and for the first time, into consistent intolerance. Subsequently, the latest phase continued down to a comparatively recent date, so that the recollection of it has tended to obscure the milder record of earlier centuries. Almost on the eve of the French Revolution, Pius VI consummated in his *Decree of the Jews de Roma* of April 5th, 1775, all of the persecutory measures of his predecessors. Its forty four clauses are one more degrading than the other. To quote only a few: the possession of any Talmudical writing was prohibited; funeral processions and the erection of gravestones had to be discontinued; the Jewish hedge of Rome was to be watched over in the privacy of the Ghetto; no Jew was allowed to approach the Christian Universities, where candidates for conversion were instructed; the employment of Christian nurses or servants, even during Festivals or on the Sabbath, was forbidden; and no person was allowed to remain outside the Ghetto after midnight. These were the regulations under which the Roman community had to live in the age of Voltaire and of Mendelssohn, when English and American Jewry already enjoyed complete equality, when the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were signed and the Rights of Man were in the air. Degradation was, it would seem, as necessary to the author as to its victims.

APRIL 6TH

Jewish Emancipation in France, 1848. The constitutional movement of 1789 had brought about a considerable amelioration in the condition of the Jews. The Wars of the Revolution, however, swept away the last traces of Napoleon's Kingdom of Westphalia, the greatest advance towards Jewish emancipation which had been achieved in the 'Vormärz' at Frankfurt and worked incessantly on behalf of his co-religionists. In every part of Germany (excepting Bavaria) the new constitutions contained clauses removing Jewish disabilities. In Prussia, the most important state of all, emancipation came on April 6th. It is true that in the subsequent reaction the newly-won rights were considerably circumscribed in practice. Nevertheless, they remained on paper and the vital part of the struggle was at an end.

APRIL 7TH

Bulla de Perdon in Portugal, 1544. The introduction of the Inquisition into that country had been sanctioned at last after a prolonged struggle at the end of 1531. The Marranos immediately despatched to Rome as their confidential agent an old soldier, Duarte de Paz, who had received a diplomatic appointment from the King. His fiery eloquence, backed up by lavish gifts of money, won the support of the majority of the College of Cardinals. In consequence, Clement VII (the second of the Medicean popes) suspended the Bull sanctioning the introduction (October 17th, 1532). In the following year, his Bull *Sempiternus Rex* of April 7th, 1533, cancelled all processes already begun and granted a general pardon for previous misdoings, on the ground that rigid conformity could not be expected as yet from forced converts. This suspension continued for three years more, till May 23rd, 1536. Duarte de Paz ultimately turned against his employers, and proceeded to Turkey, where he died as a Moslem.

APRIL 8TH

Right of residence in Bohemia, 1648. During the Thirty Years' War, the Jews of the country had given signal proof of their attachment to the Imperial family. Those of Prague had particularly distinguished themselves in the great siege of 1648, working manfully with their fellow citizens in the defence of the city against the Swedes, as their ancient coat of arms, with its Swedish rout, still commemorates. As a reward for this fidelity, Ferdinand III accorded them an extension of their privileges, including the right of residence in all of the royal cities and domains.

APRIL 9TH.

Attack on New Christians of Lisbon, 1506. The mass conversions which had accompanied the expulsion from Portugal in 1497 had transformed the life of the unwilling victims only very slightly; and they continued to observe almost without concealment the prescriptions of their old religion. The Passover of the Jewish year 5266 began on Thursday, April 7th., 1506. On that day, a party of New Christians (as these converts were called) was attacked while engaged in observing the festival with the customary rites. Seventeen of them were arrested, but they were set at liberty after two days. The populace, enraged at such an exhibition of clemency, which it suspected to be due to bribery, threatened to burn all of the Judaisers at the stake. Thus the ground was prepared for the terrible *matanca dos cristaos novos* ('Slaying of the New Christians') on Easter Sunday (April 19th., when terror raged in the city for a day and a night, and two thousand of the 'converses' were put to death.

APRIL 10TH.

Death of David Proops, 1849. With him, there came to an end the famous publishing firm which had dominated Hebrew printing in Amsterdam for over a century and a half, since the close of the seventeenth century. The founder of the family was Solomon ben Joseph *Proops*, whose printed catalogue, Apirion Shelomoh, was the first work of its kind in the Hebrew language. He was followed by Joseph, Jacob, Abraham, and finally David ben Abraham, whose widow sold the business to I. Levissohn. Through this firm (whose objects were perhaps not quite so altruistic as those of its precursors, though more businesslike) Amsterdam became one of the great centres of the Hebrew publishing trade. How far this was so may be gauged from the fact that the ritual of the isolated communities of Cochin, on the Malabar coast in India, was printed here in the eighteenth century, as well as those of Avignon and Carpentras in southern France. Among the works which appeared from this press there were several containing approbations by Solomon Aylion, the mystic and Sabbataian (*Haham* in London from 1689 to 1701), who died in Amsterdam on this same anniversary (April 10th, 1728).

APRIL 11TH.

—*Ban against Hasidism*, 1772. The movement started in Podolia by Israel ben Eliezer, the 'Besht' (*Baal Shem Tob*= 'Master of the Good Name') had spread in Eastern Europe with remarkable celerity. The Rabbis of the old school however suspected it of libertinism, and began to fear a repetition of the dangerous schismatic movement which had followed in the wake of Sabbatai Zevi, the pseudo-Messiah of the previous century. At their head stood Elijah ben Solomon, the 'Vilna Gaon', one

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"Is papa in heaven now? Is he through with hell?" I once inquired of my mother.

Some thing or place would no doubt exist in me in my mind [illegible] for example, appealed to me as a beautiful man wearing a spotless silk cape; hell was something burning, [illegible] something connected with fire, like when a dog had the fever or my sliding box

I was a great favorite of dog fanciers then of my parlance was to imagine a host of dog catchers with the size of my little finger. And often and often I would drill as I saw officers do it, one row in front of the brigade, some distance from my home (it also I would take to marching up and down the room with another's rolling pin for a rifle, grunting fearsomely in imitation of [illegible] and [illegible] as I [illegible] in the [illegible] the capacity of a Russian soldier and of fiendish fighting instinct.

Often, while busy upon his [illegible] work, my mother would hum some of the songs of the famous soldier-lover Nikolay Lvovich, who later emigrated to America. I distinctly remember her singing his "There is a flower on the wood, drooping in the dust. Passers by trampling upon it. Its [illegible] and Winter," and his husband is [illegible] her children." I vividly recall these [illegible] she used to sing them for I have inherited her musical memory and her passion for [illegible], though not her voice. I cannot sing myself, but some tunes give me thrills of pleasure keen and terrible as the edge of a sword. Some [illegible] me like ghosts. But then this is a sentiment that among my people

She was a very little woman, my mother, with prominent cheek bones, a small, firm mouth, and dark eyes. Her hair was likewise dark, though I saw it but very seldom, for like all orthodox daughters of Israel she always had it carefully covered by a kerchief, a nightcap, or on Saturdays and holidays by a wig. She was extremely rigorous about it. For instance, while she changed her kerchief for her nightcap she would cause me to look away.

My great sport during my ninth and tenth years was to play [illegible]. These we would fillip around on some patch of unpaved ground with a little pit for a billiard pocket. My own pockets were usually full of these buttons. As the game was restricted to brass ones from the uniforms of soldiers, my mother had plenty to do to keep those pockets of mine in good repair. To develop skill for the sport I would spend hours in some secluded spot, secretly practising it by myself. Sometimes, as I was thus engaged, my mother would seek me out and bring me a hunk of rye bread.

"Here," she would say, gravely, handing me it. And I would accept it with preoccupied mien, take a deep bite, and go on filliping my buttons.

I gambled passionately and was continually counting my treasure, or running around the big courtyard, jingling it self-consciously. But one day I suddenly wearied of it all and traded my entire hoard of buttons for a pocket-knife and some trinkets.

"Don't you care for buttons any more?" mother inquired.

"I can't bear the sight of them," I replied.

She shrugged her shoulders smilingly, and called me "queer fellow."

Sometimes I would fall to kissing her passionately. Once, after an outburst of this kind, I said:

"Are people savvy for us mamma?"

"What do you mean?"

"Because I have no papa and we have no money."

Antomir, which then boasted eighty thousand inhabitants, was a town in which a few thousand rubles was considered wealth, and we were among the humblest and poorest in it. The bulk of the population lived on less than fifty copecks (twenty-five cents) a day, and that was difficult to earn. A hunk of rye bread and a bit of herring or cheese constituted a meal. A quarter of a copeck (an eighth of a cent) was a coin with which one purchased a few crumbs of pot cheese or some boiled water for tea. Rubbers were worn by people "of means" only. I never saw any in the district in which my mother and I had our home. A white starched collar was an attribute of "aristocracy." Children had to beg their mothers for a piece of bread.

"Mamma I want a piece of bread," with a mild whimper.

"Again bread! You'll eat my head off! May the worms eat you."

Dialogues such as this were heard at every turn.

My boyhood recollections include the following episode: Mother once sent me to a tinker's shop to have our drinking cup repaired. It was a plain tin affair and must have cost, when new, something like four or five cents. It had done service as long as I could remember. It was quite rusty, and finally sprang a leak. And so I took it to the tinker, or tinsmith, who soldered it up. On my way home I slipped and fell, whereupon the cup bit a cobblestone and sprang a new leak. When my mother discovered the damage she made me tell the story of the accident over and over again, wringing her hands and sighing as she listened. The average mother in our town would have given me a whipping in the circumstances. She did not.

CHAPTER II

We lived in a deep basement, in a large, dusky room that we shared with three other families, each family occupying one of the corners and as much space as it was able to wrest. Violent quarrels were a commonplace occurrence, and the question of floor space a simple bone of contention. The huge brick oven in which the four housewives cooked dinner was another prolific source of strife. Fights over pots were as frequent and as violent as those over the children.

Of my roommates I best recall a bookbinder and a retired old soldier who mended old sheepskin coats for a living. My memories of home are inseparable from the odors of sheepskin and paste, and the image of the upright wooden screws (the bookbinder's "machine"). The soldier had finished his term of military service years before, yet he still wore his uniform, a dilapidated black coat with new brass buttons, and a similar overcoat of a coarse gray material. Also he still shaved his chin, sporting a pair of formidable gray side-whiskers. Shaving is one of the worst sins known to our faith, but, somehow, people overlooked it in one who had once been compelled to practise it in the army. Otherwise the furrier or sheepskin tailor was an extremely pious man. He was very kind to me, so that his military whiskers never awed me. Not so his lame, tall wife, who often hit me with one of her crutches. She was the bane of my life. The bookbinder's wife was much younger than her husband and one of the things I often heard was that he was "crazy for her because she is his second wife," from which I inferred that second wives were loved far more than first ones.

The bookbinder had a red-haired little girl whom I hated like poison. Red Esther we called her, to distinguish her from a Black Esther, whose home was on the same yard. She was full of fight. Knowing how repulsive she was to me, she was often the first to open hostilities, mocking my way of speaking, or sticking out her tongue at me. Or else she would press her freckled cheek against my lips and then dodge back, shouting, gleefully:

"He has kissed a girl! He has kissed a girl! Sinner! Shame! Sinner! Sinner!"

There were some other things that she or some of the other little girls of our courtyard would do to make an involuntary "sinner" of me, but these had better be left out.

I had many a fierce duel with her. I was considered a strong boy, but she was quick, and nimble as a cat, and I usually got the worst of the bargain, often being left badly scratched and bleeding. At which point the combat would be taken up by our mothers.

The room, part of which was our home, and two other single-room apartments, similarly tenanted, opened into a pitch-dark vestibule which my fancy peopled with "evil ones." A steep stairway led up to the yard, part of which was occupied by a huddle of ramshackle one-storey houses. It was known as Abner's Court. During the summer months it swarmed with tattered unkempt humanity. There was a peculiar odor to the place which I can still smell. (Indeed, many of the things that I conjure up from the past appeal as much to my sense of smell as to my visual memory.) It was anything but a grateful odor.

The far end of our street was part of a squalid little suburb known as the Sands. It was inhabited by Gentiles exclusively. Sometimes, when a Jew chanced to visit it some of its boys would descend upon him with shouts of "Damned Jew!" "Christ-killer!" and sick their dogs at him. As we had no dogs to defend us, orthodox Jews being prohibited from keeping these domestic animals by a custom amounting to a religious injunction, our boys never ventured into the place except, perhaps, in a spirit of daredevil bravado.

One day the bigger Jewish boys of our street had a pitched battle with the Sands boys, an event which is one of the landmarks in the history of my childhood.

Still, some of the Sands boys were on terms of friendship with us and would even come to play with us in our yard. The only Gentile family that lived in Abner's Court was that of the porter. His children spoke fairly good Yiddish.

One Saturday evening a pock-marked lad from the Sands, the son of a Christian woman, [illegible] me in the street, set [illegible] at me. As a result I came home with a [illegible] piece of my trousers. [illegible] were unknown to us [illegible].

"He going to kill him," my mother [illegible] with something like a sob. "He [illegible] going to kill him!"

Next door, the retired soldier pleaded, without removing his short-stemmed pipe from his mouth.

Mother was silent for a minute, and even seated herself, but presently she sprang to her feet again and ran for the door.

The soldier's wife seized her by an arm.

"Where are you going? To the Sands? Are you crazy? If you start a quarrel over there you'll never come back alive."

"I don't care."

She unceremoniously pushed [illegible] and left the room.

Half an hour later she came back bearing

His father is a lovely German," she said. "He went and brought the murderer of a boy home, took off his belt, and skinned him alive."

"A shrewd variation," the soldier's wife commented admiringly.

There was always a pile of logs somewhere in our Court, the property of some family that was to have it cut up for firewood. This was our great gathering-place of a summer evening. There we would hear stories, often of our own inventing, or discuss things, the leading topic of conversation being the soldiers of two regiments that were stationed in our town. We saw a good deal of these soldiers, and we could tell their officers, commissioned or non-commissioned, by the number of stars or bands on their shoulder-straps. Also, we knew the names of their generals, colonels, and some of their majors or captains. The more important manoeuvers took place a great distance from Abner's Court, but that did not matter. If they occurred on a Saturday, when we were free from school—and, as good luck would have it, they usually did—many of us, myself invariably included would go to see them. The blare of trumpets, the beat of drums, the playing of the band, the rhythmic clatter of thousands of feet, the glint of rows and rows of bayonets, the red or the blue of the uniforms, the commanding officer on his mount, the spirited singing of the men marching back to barracks—all this would literally hold me spellbound.

That we often played soldiers goes without saying, but we played "wars" more often, a game in which the counting was done by means of senseless words like the American "Eeny, meeny, miny, moe." Sometimes we would play war, with the names of the belligerents borrowed from the Old Testament, and once in a while we would have a real "war" with the boys of the next street.

I was accounted one of the strong fellows among the boys of Abner's Court as well as one of the conspicuous figures among them. Compactly built, broad-shouldered, with a small, firm mouth like my mother's, a well-formed nose and large, dark eyes, I was not a homely boy by any means, nor one devoid of a certain kind of magnetism.

One of my recollections is of my mother administrating a tongue lashing to a married young woman whom she had discovered flirting in the dark vestibule with a man not her husband.

A few minutes later the young woman came in and begged my mother not to tell her husband.

"If I was your husband I would skin you alive."

"Oh, don't tell him! Take pity! Don't!"

"I won't. Get out of here, you lump of stench."

"Oh, swear that you won't tell him! Do swear, dearie. Long life to you. Health to every little bone of yours."

"First you swear that you'll never do it again, you heap of dung."

"Strike me blind and dumb and deaf if I ever do it again. There."

"Your oaths are worth no more than the barking of a dog. Can't you be decent? You ought to be kneeled in the market-place. You are a plague. Black luck upon you. Get away from me."

"But I will be decent. May I break both my legs and both my arms if I am not. Do swear that you won't tell him."

My mother yielded.

She was passionately devout, my mother. Being absolutely illiterate she would murmur meaningless words in the tongue of a prayer, pretending to herself that she was performing her devotions. This, however, one would do with absolute earnestness and fervor, often with tears of ecstasy starting to her eyes. To me she knew how to bless the Sabbath candles and to recite the two or three other brief prayers that are required from married women. But she was not contented with it, and the sight of a woman going to synagogue with a huge prayer-book under her arm was ever a source of envy to her.

Most of the tenants of the Court were good people, honest and pure, but there were exceptions. Of these my memory has retained the face of a man who was known as "Carrot Pudding." Mac, a red-headed Scotch shoemaker, "Sweet Water," a carpenter in "short change," Yankee Frank,

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Norman Fox, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Fox, [illegible] Saint Julien Avenue, Montreal, came in from school one day looking very excited. "What's the matter?" asked his mother. "Mother," he said, "I got into a fight with my best girl. She told me when we get married she's going to treat me like Maggie treats Jiggs."

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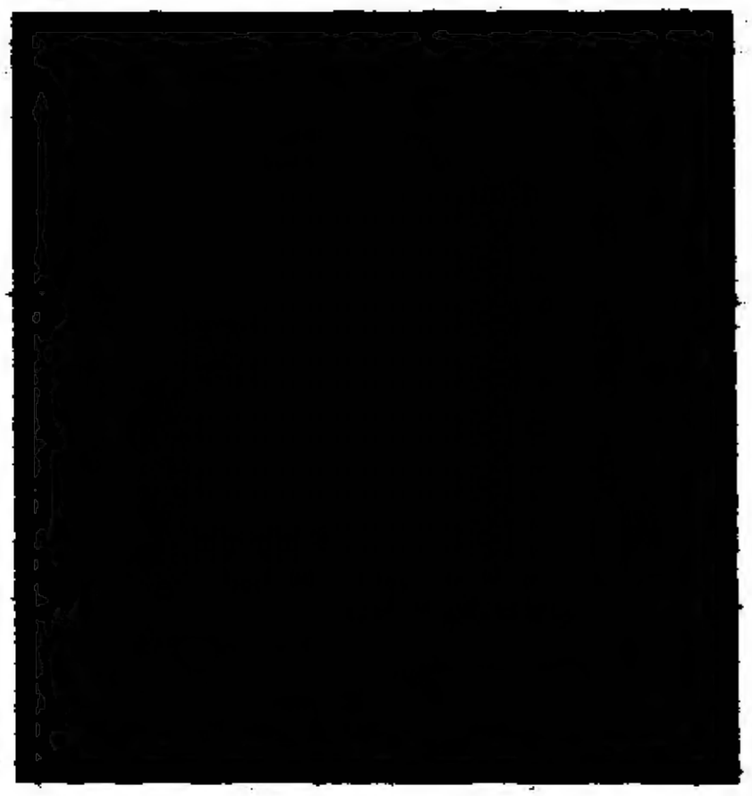

SARAH

Age two years and eight months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Reider, Montreal.

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and other varieties of market produce. Her husband, a cripple, was a beggar and a drunkard. In several years, five children were born to them, all of whom were pitch-pockets, but she herself was said to be of spotless honesty. She never allowed them to enter Abner's court, though, every time one of them was in prison she would visit him and bring him food.

She was professional beggar, buried from the Court of Inquiry. In spite of her numerous evil, poor as she was, she seldom let a Friday pass without distributing a few half-pennies or two eighths of a cent, to charity. Its crowning part of it was the fact that one of the beggars on her list was far better off than she.

"It's all well enough," said my father, "for the rest of them, she would explain, "but she was a regular recipient of alms of Mr. Abner, one of the most rich neighbors."

She had a forgiving temper, but there were people toward whom she was never reconciled. The women of Abner's court were either her devoted followers or her bitter enemies. She was a tyrant to most of the female that she ruled. Out of the whole court only two people, a cripple and a three exceptional cases with whom she happened to be related, was on official pleasantries. She was a dark blue hatchet, which was under them I was almost invariably when there was a crowd of women in the yard that hatchet would bury itself in the center.

Growing as I did in the court I became much more familiar with the secrets of sex abound in the factors. I was able fully to appreciate their meaning then, for the neighborhood was not of the purest. A town I located a short distance from Abner's court, midway between it and the barracks, was a haunt of ill repute usually full of soldiers. It is not an official name I never heard it. It was generally referred to as "That street" in a subdued voice that was suggestive either of shame and disgust or of waggish mirth. For a long time I was under the impression that "That" was simply the name of the street. One summer day I must have been eight years old—I told my mother that I had peeked in one of the little yards of the mysterious lane, that I had seen half-naked women and soldiers there, and that one of the women had beckoned me in and given me some cake.

"Why, you mustn't do that, Dave," she said, aghast. "Don't you ever go near that street again! Do you hear?"

"Why?"

"Because it is a bad street."

"Why is it bad?"

"Keep still and don't ask foolish questions."

I obeyed with the result that the foolish questions kept rankling in my brain.

On a subsequent occasion, when she was combing my dark hair fondly, I ventured once more:

"Mamma, why mustn't I come near that street?"

"Because it is a sin to do so," comfort. Pie upon it"!

This answer settled it. One did not ask why it was a sin to do this or not to do that. "You don't demand explanations of the Master of the World," as people were continually saying around me. My curiosity was silenced. That street became repellent to me, something hideously wicked and sinister.

Sometimes some of the excommunicated women would drop in at our yard. As a rule, my mother was bitterly opposed to their visits and she often chased them out with maledictions and expressions of abhorrence, but there was one case in which she showed unusual tolerance and even assumed the part of father confessor to a woman of this kind. She would listen to her tale of woe, humiliations, and repentance, including some of the most intimate details of her loathsome life. She would even deliver her donations to the synagogue, thus helping her about the Biblical injunction which bars the gifts of fallen women from the house of God.

My mother would bid me keep away during these confabs of theirs, but this only whetted my curiosity and I often overheard far more than I should.

Fridays were half holidays with us Jewish boys. One Friday afternoon a wedding was celebrated in our court yard. The procession emerged from one of the rickety one-story houses, accompanied by a band playing a solemn tune. When it reached the center of the largest part of the yard it came to a halt and a canopy was stretched over the principal figures of the ceremony. Prayers and benedictions were chanted. The groom put the ring on the bride's finger, "dedicating her to himself according to the laws of Moses and Israel," more prayers were recited, the bridegroom and the bride received sips of wine, a plate was smashed, the crowd being greeted by shouts of "Good luck! Good luck!" The band struck up a lively tune with a vocal fang to it.

The yard was crowded with people. It was the greatest attraction we children had ever enjoyed there. We remained out chattering of the event till the windows were agitter with Sabbath lights.

I was in a trance. The ceremony was a poem to me—something unspeakably beautiful and sacred.

Presently a boy, somewhat older than I, made a jest of the young couple's rapture. What he said was a startling revelation to me. Certain things which I had known before suddenly appeared in a new light to me. I relished the discovery and I relished the derision of it. But the poem vanished. The beauty of the wedding I had just witnessed, and of weddings in general, seemed to be irretrievably destroyed.

That boy's name was Naphtali. He was a fine-looking fellow with curly brown hair, somewhat near-sighted. He was as poor as the average boy in the yard and as poorly dressed, but he was the oldest of us. He would draw, with a piece of chalk, figures of horses and men which we admired. He knew things, good and bad, and from that Friday I often sought his company. Unlike most of the other boys he talked little, throwing out his remarks at long intervals, which sharpened my sense of his wisdom. His father never let him attend the maneuvers, yet he knew more about soldiers than any of the other boys, more even than I thought I had that retired soldier, the sheepskin man, to explain things matters to me.

One summer evening Naphtali and I sat on a pile of logs in the yard watching a boy who was "playing" on a toy fiddle of his own making. I said,

"I wish I knew how to play on a real fiddle, don't you?"

Naphtali made no answer. After a little he said:

"You must think it is the bow that does the playing, don't you?"

"What else does it?" I asked, perplexed.

"It's the fingers of the other hand, those that are jumping around."

"Is it?"

I did not understand, but I was deeply impressed all the same. The question bothered me all that evening. Finally I submitted it to my mother:

"Mamma, Naphtali says when you play on a fiddle it is not the bow that makes the tune, but the fingers that are jumping around. Is it true?"

She told me not to bother her with foolish questions, but the retired soldier, who had overheard my query, volunteered to answer it.

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"Of course it is not the bow," he said.

"But if you did not work the bow the strings would not play, would they?" I urged.

"You could play a tune by pinching them," he answered. "But if you just kept passing the bow up and down there would be no tune at all."

I plied him with further questions and he answered them all patiently and fondly, illustrating his explanations with a spread for a violin string, my mother looking from him to me bewilderingly.

When we were through she questioned him: "Do you think he understands it all?"

"He certainly does. He has a good head," he answered, with a smile. And she flushed with happiness.

CHAPTER III

The tuition for all a child's religious instruction at private was four eight to ten rubles ($4 to $5) for a term of six months. My parents could not afford it. On the other hand, they would not hear of sending me to the free school of our town, because of its reputation for poor instruction. So the impoverished and harassed pair decided to raise part of the sum between them. The payments were made with anything but promptness, the result being that I was often turned out of school. Mother, however, would lose no time in bringing me back. She would implore the schoolmaster to take pity on the poor, helpless woman that she was assuring him, with some weird oaths, that she would pay him every penny. If that failed she would burst into a flood of threats and imprecations, during the like to "let a fatherless boy grow up in ignorance of the Word of God." This was followed by similar scenes at the houses of my creditors, until finally I was allowed to resume my studies, sometimes at the same cheder, sometimes at some other one. There were scores of such private schools in the town, and before I got through my elementary religious education I had become acquainted with a considerable number of them.

Sometimes when a teacher or his wife tried to cow me, I would clutch at the table and struggle valiantly until overpowered.

I may explain that instruction in most cheders was confined to the Hebrew Old Testament and selections of the Talmud, the exercises lasting fourteen hours all day and part of the

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Every Friday

A Gentile reader of the REVIEW wants to know why it is that a certain low class of Jews always want a Gentile politician or dignitary of varying importance to be present at a banquet, ceremony or even private celebration. (Time out for bridling hotly at the very assumption that there might possibly be low-class Jews! So much for the duty of the columnist.) To return to the question: Here is a query to be flattered with and to draw up to with deliberation, respect and in the trance of a fortune-teller. The innocent bystanders who have wondered this particular wonder of the Gentile reader should react from here to the Holy Land if laid head to foot all the way. They may have arrived at different conclusions or none as to why a certain low class of Jews always wants a Gentile dignitary at a Jewish celebration. This column can only guess. The guess is that politicians of any race or religion generally deserve a rough deal and that's why they sometimes fall on evil days and get spirited from their natural habitats to the celebrations of a certain class of Jews.

But a subject so gummed up with mystery should not be dismissed lightly or facetiously. It should be gone into carefully. Why, for example, do these celebrating Jews of the class referred to so unmistakably, demand a *Gentile* politician? After all, this is the only phase of the matter which worries the inquirer. There are Jewish politicians, God knows. Why shouldn't they be the ones to be sought after? Aren't they just as good?—or as bad? Well, flatly, no. Any unbiased person can see at a glance that the Gentile politician would be far and away more of an adornment among the guests than the Jewish politician. (The latter among his own is often merely a home-grown *landsman* of a product. And oftener, worse luck, he is not a Litvack. He may be a Polish Jewish gentleman or Galician, say.) Besides, the Gentile is harder to shanghai. He doesn't want to go to the *brith miloh* and is therefore more rare. Anyway, the Jewish personage already knows how *taiglich* taste with Scotch. And the Jew, by a wide stretch of the imagination, may actually desire to appear at this swell banquet and that's no good at all. The trick is to get hold of some one who doesn't want to come, hates it when there, and has to be almost dragged physically and drugged with persuasion.

The ideal victim is one who looks uncomfortable when it is suggested that he accept the invitation and who sweats great beads of sweat when all escape seems cut off. The faintest interest in his part in Jewish ceremonies or how the Jewish percentage lives should be enough to disqualify him as a find. The choice Gentile celebration-attender is the recalcitrant one that you go after again at the eleventh hour and bring down in an automobile. He must groan almost audibly and later look as though he is trying to figure out how in the name of heaven he ever got into such a place with such people and of what earthly use he is to them.

But some day a master mind will appear among the Gentiles fished for by the Jews of this certain class and put a crimp into the machinations of masters of ceremonies as far as he is concerned. This lone wolf will come to the party gladly and shoulder his way genially among the many, insistent, servile hosts fawning on him. He will eat without being urged those interesting, strange, exotic delicacies. He will drink home-made Passover wine as he would ancient nectar. He will beam around delightedly and beat his palms together in child-like pleasure and glee. He will have grabbed at the invitation and will appear on the dot sharp in time at the appointed hour in his own car, of his own volition, and carrying a bunch of posies. This dignitary will make lightning attempts to chuck under the chin the flying squadron of children sliding up and down and rolling gingerale bottles and will look upon them with paternal sweetness no matter how sticky they are. He will linger out the entire, quaint, unique evening among these very, very kind people, ahem, who have done what they could to increase his happiness. He will make speeches and fluent promises about immigration or any old thing and will be a good goy generally. In other words he will be so agreeable among his Hebrew admirers, who try to make him believe they speak for the whole Jewish race, that he will never be asked again. He will have lost his amateur standing as a high-class Gentile banquet- decorator and this certain class of Jews will never give a fig for him again. He will be free!

This man will be a genius, naturally, and genius does not show up every day or even decade. Until he shows flashes of it occasionally, however, the Gentile community or district personage may never experience closed season on his kind. Year in and year out he will have to appear at the happy gatherings of Jewish people of certain class, detest it though he does. Perhaps this is the punishment a man deserves for believing that Jewish vote or support can be handed over in a compact bundle by any one to any one. f.f.c

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Social Life in 1907—
Do You Remember?—

In Ottawa Mr. and Mrs. Mark Workman were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Rosenthal. Mrs. J. L. Adelstein, of Montreal, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lapine. Mr. and Mrs. H. Rosenthal moved to their new home at Lisgar and O'Connor Sts. M. Fine presided over a meeting of the Ottawa Zion Society. Officers of the Hebrew Loan Benevolent Society: Samuel Myers, I. D. Holofcener. Mrs. Leon Goldman went to New York on account of the illness of her mother. Miss Frances Richter, who was visiting her, returned with her. Mrs. M. Elkan and two daughters went to New York. Miss Augusta Goldberg, Drolet St., went to New York. S. M. Eisenstadt went to New York whence he sailed for Russia to visit his parents. A party was given for Leonore Freedman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Freedman, on her birthday. The engagement was announced of Miss Rae Hart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hart, to Isidore Sigler. Simon Kirsch was a demonstrator in botany at McGill. L. Kert returned from New York. David and Isidore Ballon, sons of Samuel Ballon, were students at McGill, in medicine and law, respectively. S. J. Hayes, age 59, died at his home, 57 Drolet St. F. Schwartz, aged 46, died at his home, 151 St. Dominique. Officers of Maccabaean Literary Circle were Nathaniel S. Fineberg, Stephen Davis, Samuel Ortenberg, Louis Feiczweiz, Isidore Ballon, Honorary members: M. Rabinovich, J. S. Budyk, S. P. Stern, C. J. Gross, M. Waisman, W. L. Engel, S. G. Tritt. Officers of Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue: I. S. Goldenstein, J. Samuels, Israel Blumenthal, C. I. De Sola, I. Kirschberg. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Friedman were in Toronto. Mrs. Isaacs, of New York, visited her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Kellert, Bishop St. Mrs. S. Myers was convalescing from an illness. Mr. and Mrs. Sandeman sailed for England. Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Matoffn left to live in Alexandria, Ont. Julius A. Kaplansky was recuperating after an illness in Amherst, N. S. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Youngheart were touring the Northwest. Officers of the newly-formed Young Ladies Hebrew Orphan Protective Association were Misses Glickman, Beerman, F. Frank, K. Abrahams, P. Koffler. In Hamilton a tea was given by Mrs. M. Epstein for Miss Jennie Freiman, of Ottawa. Misses Etta Lyons and Rose Levy spent Sunday in Dundas with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bluestein. Miss R. Myers, of Rochester, visited Miss Dora Kauffman, 20 Bold St.

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Mrs. David Leibling, of Quebec City, who has been visiting her children for the past few weeks, has returned home.

Miss Annie Black, Brooks St., has returned home after spending a week in Montreal, visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Max Weinstein, Brooks St., entertained informally, Wednesday evening last. Cards were played and prizes were won by Mesdames Sam Echenberg, A. Mittleman, Jack Echenberg.

Mesdames Joseph Rosenbloom and Samuel W. Smith were joint hostesses at a tea and bridge given at the Community Center, Sunday evening last. Cards were played at six tables and prize winners were Mesdames David Echenberg, S. P. Smith, Louis Echenberg and Miss Helene Cohen. The raffle was won by Mr. A. D. Smith.

Manasseh Smith spent a few days in Montreal.

I. Maikinson spent the week-end in Montreal visiting his family.

B. Gilman, of Lake Megantic, was here.

B. Schmokler, of Thetford Mines, was here.

Jack Franklin, Montreal, spent a few days in town.

Mr. Mittleman, Melbourne Avenue is in Toronto.

Louis Edgar, Beckett Road, spent Sunday in Montreal.

Mrs. Louis H. Bernstein, Bowen Avenue S. spent a few days in Montreal.

Max Weinstein, Thetford Mines, spent a few days in town.

Miss Corinne Selig, of Montreal, is visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Bernstein.

Bnai Brith Lodge Number held a Purim dance and musicale. Among those taking part were Mrs. Joe Schwartz, songs; Mesdames Joe Rosenbloom and David Echenberg, piano duets; Miss Jacqueline Schwartz, violin selections.

Miss Dorothy Rosenbloom, Quebec Street, is spending two weeks in town, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Leo Feldman.

Miss Pansy Schwartz, Montcalm Street, is spending some time with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Trager.

Three Jews were elected to the municipal council of Zagreb, Jugoslavia, at elections held recently. One of the three is Dr. Hugo Cohn, president of the Jewish community, a Zionist.

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Four Jewish students were severely beaten and injured during new anti-Semitic disturbances which occurred at the Budapest Veterinary Institute.

The Jewish Medical Society of Palestine has been admitted to membership in the International Medical Association. The society has 155 members in Jerusalem.

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Mrs. R. Mendelsohn donated the pulpit flowers last week in memory of her mother and father.

Haggadahs have just been prepared by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations containing an explanation of the history and symbolisms of the Seder. Order from the office.

Thursday morning, a team representing the Holy Blossom Collegiate Club, debated with a team of the Temple Beth El High School of Detroit, at Detroit. Holy Blossom team: Sidney Hermant, Lillian Pasternack, Lorie Tarshis, and Mack King. Winner will be announced later.

H. C. Greenberg and the Woolworth Company furnished some of the souvenirs that were distributed at the Purim entertainments.

A literary meeting of the Alumni takes place at the home of Miss Sylvia Silverman, 41 Whitney Avenue, Rosedale, Sunday evening, April 7th.

Are any members of the congregation interested in holding a congregational Seder? This Seder would be held not for those who are accustomed to having a Seder at home, but for persons who hold no Seder. Communicate with the Rabbi.

MUSICALE AND BRIDGE

Queen Esther Rebekah Lodge I.O.O.F. will hold a musicale and bridge for members and friends at the lodge rooms 229 College Street, Monday, April 8th. Program by H. Jordon of the Standard Theatre; Miss Etta Brownstein, pianist; Miss Gertrude Clayton, elocutionist. Prize at each table and refreshments.

JEWISH GIRLS IN TRAINING

When the Jewish Girls in Training and the Jewish Boys' Club, West End Branch, gave an entertainment March 24, the story of Purim was told by Nathan Usprich. Stories were told by Tmima Littner. Dancing for Seniors. At the Sheshauna and Disraeli Girls Purim party were Misses Tmima Littner, Edith Blinnick, Chrissie Lipkin, and Rose Naftolin, Rose Paulin, Gert Dryal, Rose Paltek, Rose Shoom, Ethel Usprich, Lily Melamed, Clara Podharcer, Bertha Persiko, Yetta Salkin, Sylvia Albert, Pearl Swartz. Prize-winners: Lil Melamed, Sylvia Albert, Rose Shoom, Gert Dryal. Refreshments committee: Rose Naftolin, Yetta Salkin; games committee, Chris Lipkin, Edith Blinnick. At the Judasolph and Roses of Sharon Purim party were Misses Tmima Littner, Tillye Singer, Ada Cohen and members of the Judasolph and Roses of Sharon Groups. Prize-winners were: Rose Persiko, Dolly Kronis, Lilly Resnick, Tilly Cogan, Thelma Samuels. Honorable mention: Rose Clarfield, Clara Roth, Beatrice Havelock, and Lily Sniderman. Mentors' prizes were won by Tmima Littner, and Ada Cohen. Standing for the All-round Cup Contest: Judasolph 202, Roses of Sharon 291, Disraeli 231, Sheshauna 273.

Judasolph Girls, mentor Ada Cohen, are running an entertainment, March 31st, admission 5c.

Coal Tzedec Synagogue, University Avenue. Rabbi Samuel Sacha.

Sermon Saturday at 10:30 on the Biblical portion of the week. Tuesday at 6:30, Mother and Daughter banquet. Wednesday at 7 p.m. Sunday School Glee Club. Thursday at 3, Rabbi's Bible Class. Junior Young People's League Sunday at 8 p.m.

Sisterhood, mothers' and daughters' night. Tuesday, April 9th. Supper at 6 p.m. in the vestry rooms. Mrs. M. Rotenberg will speak on behalf of the mothers and Miss Gittel Siegel on behalf of the daughters. Tableau. For reservations 'phone Mrs. I. H. Siegel, Howard 9385, or Mrs. S. Godfrey, Hillcrest 7116.

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Services: Friday at 6; Saturday, 9 a.m.; Speaker for Saturday, Apr. 6th, I. Present; Mincha and Shulosh Sudoth at 6. Young men and women welcome to all the services.

BRIDGE CIRCLE

The T. T. O. Bridge Circle held a theatre party Wednesday evening, March 27, followed by a supper at Bingham's. Mesdames W. Weintraub, M. Resnick, S. Harris, A. Jessel, H. Hutter, B. Kalick, H. Pearlston and Mrs. Weisbrot were there.

Y.P.L. ADATH ISRAEL

Y.P.L. Adath held an open meeting at the synagogue chambers Sunday, March 31st. Miss Anna Sachs in the chair. A violin selection was given by Miss Ruth Levinson. Debate: "Resolved that four years' general university education is more beneficial than four years of business." Affirmative Dr. H. Rivkin and Miss Mary Hatton; negative, Myer Coffler and Miss Teresa Young. Judges Mrs. L. Hertzman, J. Donnenfield and Irving P. Dickler. Affirmative won. Piano selections by Miss Harriet Spitzer. Dance for members and friends only April 20th. Secretary, Miss Harriet Spitzer, 137 Beatrice Street, Trinity 0327 W.

LYNN A.S.C.

The first annual dance and supper was held by the Lynn A.S.C., Saturday, March 30th. The club was presented with a large cake by P. Zangwill, and was auctioned by P. B. Dolman, to the highest bidder, M. Wineberg. The lucky number dance was won by Miss Ida Cooper and Joe Silverberg. Present: Misses Sylvia Blackman, Rae Kraft, Esther Blohm, Rose Fields, Essie Heit, Ruth Silverberg, Rose Yasne, Ida Cooper, Sarye Jessel, Esther Ginsberg, Faye Zangwill, Ethel Minsky, and Mary Dempsey; and Murray Wineberg, Dan Switzer, Joe Switzer, Lou Chousky, Sam Swartz, Sam Males, Arnold Linsky, Joe Silverberg, Phil Dolman, Phil Zangwill, Al Feldman, Irving Markowitz, Jack Kuretzky, and Irving Rubin.

LODGE INITIATION

Queen Esther Rebekah Lodge met Monday, March 25th, with Selena Herman presiding. The Initiatory degree was conferred on the following candidates by the degree staff: Miss Ruby Ehre, Miss Ettye Lesnor, Mrs. Jennie Segal and Mrs. Rose Greenspan. Refreshments.

RHO SIGMA SOCIAL

The executive of the Rho Sigma Club held their first annual dance and inauguration at the home of J. Steinhardt, 93 Brunswick Avenue. Those present were: Misses B. Bolomon, A. Somers, G. Herschorn, Flo Goodman, L. Sherman, and R. Gold; Jack Steinhardt, A. Leventhal, H. Potscheba, S. Dworitsky, P. Mayrint, and M. Lawrence.

COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

Council of Jewish Women will hold a Community Concert at 44 St. George Street, Sunday, April 7th at 8.30 p.m. Ella Spivak, violinist; Madame Jeanne Dusseant, soprano; Reginald Stewart, pianist. Voluntary offering.

MELROSE CLUB

Melrose Club held their monthly social and bridge at the home of Misses Edith and Florence Weintraub. Those present were: Misses Molly, Anne and Rose Greensweig, Clara Goldberg, Ida Ginsberg, Sarah Shapiro, Ida Bargman, Minnie Elsen, Freda Wilner, and Dora Freed. Bridge prizes were won by Molly Weintraub, Clara Goldberg and Rose Greensweig. Misses Edith and Florence Weintraub, and Anne and Rose Greensweig entertained.

ATTEND ANNUAL BENEFIT TEA

Mrs. J. Houzer, 123 Spadina Road, held her fifth annual tea, Sunday, March 17th, in aid of the Jewish Patients at the Weston Sanitarium. The drawing-room was decorated with palms, ferns, rubber plants and spring flowers. The table was laid with a Cluny lace cloth and in the centre was a silver basket containing tulips, baby's breath, daffodils and hyacinths. At each end of the basket was a silver candlestick with a lighted flame-coloured candle. Mesdames M. Rosenthal and S. M. Mendelsohn poured tea assisted by Misses Gertrude Houzer, daughter of the hostess, Sarah Solway, and Zelda Schlissel. Mesdames M. Goldenberg, Wm. Leibel, Henry Greisman, and J. Sheiman, and Mrs. B. Vise, also the daughter of the hostess, took care of the guests in the drawing room, and Mesdames L. J. Scheinman and M. Mehr registered the names of the callers. Mrs. L. Liss, Shannon Avenue, won the cushion which Mrs. J. Houzer donated to be raffled. The winner donated it to be re-raffled. The number of Mrs. Liss's raffle ticket is 802. Among those present were: Mesdames D. James, S. Wilson, J. Schwartz, W. Scheinman, S. Harris, N. Bochner, J. Creed, H. Clavir, C. J. Fried, of North Bay; I. Freed, M. Finberg, P. Taube, C. James, I. S. Granatstein, S. Dinaberg, A. Many, H. Hutner, M. L. Goldstein, H. Pasternak, L. Schachter, O. Kling, I. Acker, H. Papernick, E. F. Singer, S. Shapiro, B. Weiss, S. Sommerstein, M. Geldraeler, L. Merker, J. Halpern, N. Margulies, S. Silverman, J. Cadessky, H. Andrews, J. Levi, S. Bassin, M. Hollinger, G. Solway, H. Solway, N. Schipper, Misses C. Dinaberg, H. Buckstein and Goodman, Mesdames J. Levy, M. Dublinsky, S. Bassin, Miss Eva Rittenberg. Donations were received from the following ladies who did not attend the tea: Mesdames M. L. Levy, Samuel Lavine, H. James, B. Cooper, M. S. Till, R. J. Sapera, H. Faigen, L. Berk, S. Dalgorf, M. H. Bernstein, E. Shapiro, M. Greisman, M. Hartig, J. Landsberg, A. Cohen, J. Brill, M. Shulman, Mrs. Stern, I. L. Himelstein, M. Stone, S. Papernick, H. Papernick, Max Herman, S. Sapera, Mrs. Fishkin, Joseph S. Lazarus, M. Freedman and Joseph Schlissel.

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Mrs. Gus Heidelberg and daughters, Misses Evelyn and Dorothy, of Philadelphia, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. Frankel, Wellesley Street. Mr. Heidelberg is expected in town for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Lorie, Clarendon Apartments, returned home Tuesday, after wintering in Miami, Florida.

Mrs. William Loebel, Oriole Parkway, entertained a few friends at the tea hour Sunday.

Myron S. Stein, Glenview Avenue, left Sunday evening to spend a week in New York.

Miss Sadie Gold, of New York, is the guest of Mrs. E. F. Singer, Wells Hill Avenue. Mrs. Singer entertained Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Creed, Glen Road, spent a few days in Atlantic City.

Mrs. Isadore Freedman, Walmer Road, returned home Wednesday from New York and Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Levine, of Brooklyn, N.Y., are spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. D. Vise, Burnside Avenue.

Mrs. B. Sadowski, Harper Avenue, gave a tea Sunday in honour of Mrs. J. R. Lisson, of Great Neck, L.I. The tea table was covered with a cut work cloth and the decorations were carried out with spring flowers of orchid and yellow and tall green tapers. Mrs. H. J. Rothschild poured the tea and Mrs. M. L. Willinsky cut the ices. The assistants were Mrs. S. Sapera, Miss Belle Sadowski, Mrs. B. Vise and Miss Mollye Vise. About 100 guests called.

Misses Naomi and Marcia Hansher, Wells Hill Avenue, entertained at five tables of bridge Saturday night. Prizes were won by Misses Eva Wintroh, Sylvia Lichtenberg and Loretta Yolles.

Mrs. Bella Marshack, Grenadier Road, is home from a trip to Detroit and London.

Mrs. Gus. Heidelberg, of Philadelphia, was the guest of Mrs. Harry Marks, at luncheon and theatre Monday; Mrs. Maurice Frankel, Isabella Street, gave a dinner Wednesday; Mrs. J. Levy, Jarvis Street, dinner Friday, and Mrs. Egmont Frankel, Douglas Drive, dinner, Saturday.

Gordon, K. Bernstein, of Montreal, is visiting his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Raphael, Highview Crescent.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Frankel, Hudson Drive, are leaving Monday for a trip to New York, Atlantic City and Philadelphia.

Mrs. J. E. Cohen and daughter, Miss Jeanette Cohen, of Detroit, are expected in town during the week-end and will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Seigler, Arlington Avenue.

Miss Judith Kaplan, of New York, was the guest of Miss Sylva Gelber, Lowther Avenue, for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cohen, and daughters, Enid and Carol, Warren Road, are spending ten days in New York.

Mrs. L. M. Singer, Palmerston Boulevard, gave a luncheon at the Georgian Room Tuesday.

Mrs. Henrietta Jacobs, of Chicago, was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Carl Frankel, Glen Rose Avenue, for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph King, of Whitby, returned home Tuesday, after spending the past month in the South.

N. Smith and daughters, Misses Lillian and Annie Smith, St. George Street, are expected home next week, after spending the winter in Miami, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark G. Cohen, Madison Avenue, left Monday for a two weeks' stay in Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Silverman, Whitney Avenue, are spending a week in Montreal, Que.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Singer, and daughter, Zelma, Kendal Avenue, motored to Buffalo, during the holiday week-end.

Mrs. S. M. Mehr and daughter, Audrey, of Brunswick Avenue, are spending a week in Cleveland, Ohio.

M. H. Keyfetz and son, Carl Northcliffe Boulevard, motored to Rochester, over the holiday week-end to visit their son and brother, Dr. Ben Keyfetz.

Mrs. M. M. Snider, of Dearborn, Mich., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Goodman, Queen Street East.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Barrett, Hudson Drive, motored to Detroit during the holiday week-end.

W. H. Samuels, Rushton Road, left Monday to spend a few days in Montreal, Que.

Mrs. Irving Elsen, Atlas Avenue, is spending ten days in New York.

Mrs. Charles Goodman, Lennox Street, is spending a few days in Detroit.

S. Soboloff, Bloor Street West, gave a studio tea Saturday afternoon to friends of L. F. Sapera. The portrait of the late Mrs. Sapera was on view and also the portrait of their daughter, Lucille. Hostesses were Mesdames Henry Falk, S. Phil and Herbert Allen. Among the guests were Mrs. A. I. Willinsky, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Allen, Mrs. Jule Allen, Mrs. B. J. Stutz, Mrs. L. J. Solway, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rotenberg, Mrs. H. Greenberg, Mrs. R. J. Sapera, Mr. and Mrs. M. Weinstock, Mr. and Mrs. B. Fish, Mesdames H. Greisman, S. Kronick, Joseph S. Lavene, L. Prager and B. M. Speyer.

Miss Lillian Levine, Huron Street, has left to spend a month in New York where she will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. Silverberg.

Entertaining Miss Dorothy Wolff, a recent bride were Miss Fannie Roher, Sackville St., linen and bridge at a tea room; Miss Rose Samuels, Sackville St., tea and presentation at the King Edward Hotel; Mrs. A. Desser, Baldwin St., bridge at a tea room; Miss Esther Roher, Huron St., bridge and presentation; Miss Anne Wolff, Baldwin St., luncheon and theatre party; Mrs. I. Roher, Sackville St., dinner; Mrs. H. Wolff, Baldwin St., supper and bridge.

Mrs. Frank Goldberg, Atlas Avenue, is spending ten days in New York City.

Among those who entertained during the past week in honour of Mrs. J. R. Lisson, of Great Neck, L.I., were Mrs. J. Cadesky, Springmount Avenue, mah jongg Tuesday afternoon; Mrs. Frank A. Silverman, Lauder Avenue, mah jongg, Tuesday evening; Mrs. S. Sapera, Humewood Court Apts., mah jongg Wednesday afternoon; Mrs. Harry Solway, Glenholme Avenue, entertained Wednesday evening; Mrs. David Vise, Burnside Avenue, afternoon, Thursday.

Mrs. J. H. Greenberg, Beverley Street, is spending a few days in New York.

Mrs. S. Harris, D'Arcy Street, entertained at a luncheon and bridge at the Primrose Club Tuesday.

Mrs. T. L. Granovsky, Palmerston Boulevard, left on a motor trip to New York.

Jerry Coppleman, of London, Ont., is the guest of Mrs. B. Marshack, Grenadier Road, for a week.

Miss Esther Isenberg, Major Street, is home after spending the past few weeks with relatives and friends in New York City and Philadelphia.

Mrs. A. Frankel, Crawford Street, has returned home after visiting her sister, Mrs. E. E. Fisher, of Detroit, for the past three weeks.

Mrs. M. Kurtz, Euclid Avenue, entertained at bridge Monday evening in honour of her sister, Mrs. M. Shatsky, of Montreal.

Mrs. A. C. Gould of Boston, Mass., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. M. Breslin, 456 Palmerston Boulevard, has returned home.

Mrs. H. E. Silverman, of Cleveland, Ohio, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Yasney, Dundas Street West.

Mrs. Lewis G. Fox, Misses Dolly Stone and Doris Siderson spent the holiday week-end at the Hotel Statler, Buffalo.

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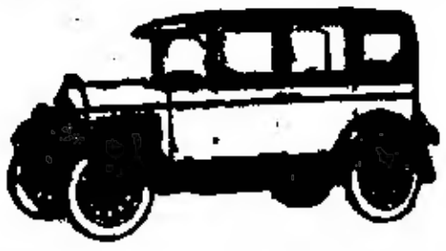

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Miss Pearl Rotstein, Glenholme Avenue, spent the holiday week-end in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Salter, Highbourne Avenue, spent a few days in New York.

Mrs. J. Boarditon, Belsize Drive, entertained Thursday afternoon, in honour of Miss Betty Herman, a bride-elect of this month.

Miss Eva Bloom, Indian Grove, spent the holiday week-end in Montreal.

Mrs. George Rosing, of Buffalo, was the guest of Mrs. S. H. Sapera, Humewood Court Apartments, for a week.

Mrs. S. Isaacson and Mrs. A. Pivnick, Crawford Street, entertained at a down-town tea room, in compliment to their sister, Miss Betty Herman, whose marriage to Basil Belick, takes place April 21. Other guests of honour were Misses Hilda Factor, a bride-elect of this month, Hilda Manilla, a June bride-elect, and Anne Skolnik, an April bride-elect.

Mrs. J. Waxman and daughter, Taschia, Joffrey Apartments, who have been spending the winter in Miami, Fla., the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Becker, have come home.

Morris Kertzer, Grace Street, spent a week in Hamilton, the guest of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. M. Geller.

Miss Eva Jackson, Parliament Street, entertained Monday evening last, complimenting Miss Betty Herman, a bride-elect. Mrs. Fleisher, Kingston Road, was hostess in honour of Miss Herman Thursday evening.

Mrs. Harry Bloomstone, of Montreal, who has been visiting friends in Buffalo and Niagara Falls, N.Y., is the guest of Mrs. B. Elsen, 599 Euclid Avenue.

Miss Fanny Enushevsky, who is attending the Ontario College of Art, spent the holiday week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Enushevsky, of Guelph.

Miss Faye Hefler, of New York, who has been visiting with Mrs. M. Rosen, Bloor Street West, for the past two weeks, returned home on Sunday.

Miss Sophie Kroch, of Hamilton, visited her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. D. Kertzer, Grace Street, during the week-end.

Isadore Cohen, of Toronto, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. Weinstein, Proctor Boulevard, Hamilton, over the week-end.

Saturday, March 30, Mrs. S. Himel, 392 Palmerston Blvd., gave a miscellaneous shower, bridge and dance in honour of Miss Anne Himel, a bride-elect of this month. Prize winners were Mesdames I. Wislesky, A. S. Drexler, Mrs. S. Zaid, P. Greenbaum, A. Lererbaum, A. Fidler, S. Perl, L. Rizman, Mrs. L. Pollack and Miss Rose Swartz.

Among those who entertained this week in honour of Miss Betty Herman, a bride-elect were Mrs. R. Tozman and Mrs. H. Denny, evening at a tea room Tuesday; Mrs. B. Rosen, Grace Street, bridge, Wednesday evening; Mrs. Mallen, Mrs. B. Belick and Mrs. W. Belick, were joint hostesses at a kitchen shower Thursday evening at a downtown tea room.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Zarnett, 269 Montrose Avenue, entertained at a dinner Sunday, March 31st, in honour of their tenth wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. H. Cherindorf, Mr. and Mrs. K. Geller, Mr. and Mrs. J. Langer, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Levy, Mr. and Mrs. Friedman, Mr. and Mrs. M. Zarnett, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ladowsky, Mrs. Silverstein, Mr. and Mrs. N. Ladowsky, Mr. and Mrs. Weisberg, Mr. and Mrs. L. Ladowsky, Mr. and Mrs. A. Zarnett, Misses Moyna Silverstein, Tillie Zarnett, Belle Ladowsky, and Sid Zarnett, Bill Roff, H. Handman, Arthur Greenberg, Miss Rose Ladowsky, Ruthie Geller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Geller, danced and Thelma Zarnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Zarnett played the piano. The tables were decorated with roses, daffodils and tulips. Phillip Zarnett, father of the host, was toastmaster.

Miss Doris Siderson, Montrose Avenue, motored to Buffalo over the week-end.

Miss Nina L. Rubin, Crawford Street, has returned home after spending the week-end in Ottawa, Ont.

Mrs. Jack Yasny and son, Sheldon, Dundas Street West, have returned home after spending three months in Cleveland, Ohio.

Miss Phyllis Snipe, Heydon Park Road, is spending several days with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. A. Weinstein, Proctor Boulevard, Hamilton, Ont.

S. Cohen and daughter, Levonah, Cheritan Avenue, visited Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cohen and daughter, Suzann, in Montreal over the week-end. Suzann gave a supper for Levanah.

Dr. S. Rosen, of Hamilton, spent the past week-end in Toronto.

Mrs. D. B. Goodman, Palmerston Boulevard, entertained Thursday evening.

Mrs. Leo Feinsod, Bathurst Street, gave a bridge and mah jongg Thursday evening. Out-of-town guests were Miss Naomi Eis, and Mrs. M. Wellman, of New York; and Mrs. J. R. Lisson, of Great Neck, L. I.

Mrs. A. White, Palmerston Boulevard, spent the week-end in Buffalo.

Mrs. Ralph Alexander and daughters, Rita and Zelma, of Alberta Avenue, have left to spend a week in Detroit.

To honour Miss Fay Hefler, of New York, who was the guest of Mrs. M. Rosen, Bloor Street West, Mrs. J. Hertzman, Bloor Street West, gave an evening Sunday; Mrs. N. W. Hertzman, Gladstone Avenue, presentation bridge; Mrs. S. Hertzman, Bleeker Street, theatre and bridge; Mrs. L. Hertzman, Nina Avenue, luncheon and tea at Simpson's Arcadian Court, and family dinner, Sunday evening.

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MEET APRIL 16

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Marriages

Roher-Wolff

The wedding was solemnized, Sunday, March 24, at Beth Jacob Synagogue, of Dorothy daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wolff, and Max Roher, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Roher, Rabbi Weinreb officiating with Rabbis G. Langner, M. Langner, S. Langner and M. Beker. The bride, who was given away by her father, was in a white crepe satin period gown, tight bodice, lace skirt and long sleeves. Her veil of net was held by a cap of lace, knots of orange blossoms and rhinestones and her bouquet was of Ophelia roses and lilies-of-the-valley. Miss Anne Wolff, sister of the bride, as maid of honour, wore a mauve satin and tulle period gown, picture hat to match and carried a bouquet of roses. Max Tannenbaum was best man. The bridesmaids were Misses Fannie M. Roher, in peach taffeta period gown; Goldie Zener, nile green satin period gown; Rose Samuels, shaded pink net period gown; Francis Roher, rose chiffon velvet period gown. They also wore matching picture hats and carried bouquets of Columbia roses. The groomsmen were Nat. Mendelson, Fred Roher, Harry Zener and Sam Roher. Flower girls were Estelle and Mildred Caplan in mauve and pink crepe with Baskets of rose petals and sweet peas. They preceded the bride, who was followed by the ring bearer, Willie Wolff, brother of the bride, dressed in a Lord Fauntelroy costume. Mrs. Wolff, mother of the bride, wore sand satin trimmed with lace; Mrs. Roher, mother of the groom, black lace and crepe. A reception was held for 250 guests. From out of town were Mr. and Mrs H. Forcht, Miss Forcht, Mr. Forcht, of Hamilton; Miss Thelma Zener, Buffalo; B. Brumberg, Montreal; and Miss Clara Rose, New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Max Roher are spending their honeymoon in Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Detroit and other parts of the United States and will live at 127 Sydenham Street, Apt. B.

Wolfson-Snider

The wedding was solemnized at the Sunnyside Pavilion of Anne Laura, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Snider, Lauder Ave., and Calman J. Wolfson, only son of M. Wolfson and the late Mrs. Annie Wolfson, of Avenue Rd. Rabbi Jacob Gordon and Rabbi Sachs officiated assisted by Cantor Barkin. The bride, who came to the altar attended by her father and mother, wore a gown of egg-shell satin and handmade lace. Her veil of real Spanish lace, an heirloom in the groom's family, was fitted to her head and bound by a coronet of pearls. She carried a French ribbon bag set with rhinestones and pearls and her bouquet was of Sweetheart roses, lilies of the valley and baby's breath. Her ornament was a string of real pearls. Miss Miriam Wolfson, sister of the groom, was maid-of-honor, in a gown of white brocaded liberty cloth and coral silk net, with a taffeta bow of coral and sea green. She also wore gold shoes and stockings and a coral net head dress and carried a French ribbon bag to match. Her bouquet was of roses, narcissi and baby's breath. The four brides-maids were Misses Eleanor Wolfson, sister of the groom, and Kate Sprachman dressed alike in rose beige chiffon and silver with silver head dresses; and Norma Goldsmith and Betty Fink dressed alike in shell pink silk net touched with blue in a bouffant wheeled style and silver bodices and shell pink head dresses. All the bridesmaids also wore silver shoes and stockings and carried French ribbon bags to match their gowns. Their bouquets were of Sweetheart and Tea roses and their ornaments were crystal drops, gifts from the groom. Ruth Snider, only sister of the bride, was flower girl in ruffled pink taffeta. Milton Snider was his sister's page boy in a Lord Fauntelroy suit of velvet and satin. Dr. Julius Landau was best man and

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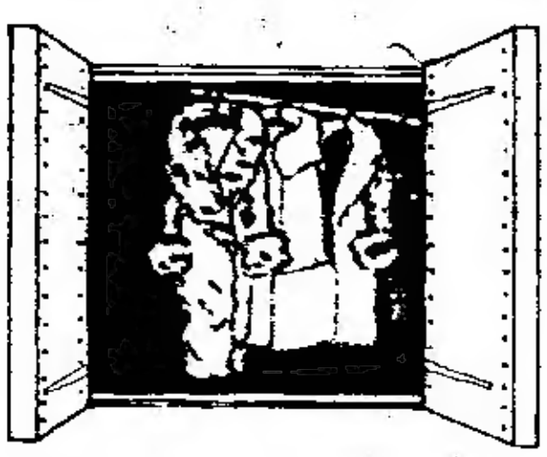
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Editorial

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Dr. Max Heller belonged to the old Germanic school of the Reform rabbinate in that he appreciated and stressed Jewish scholarship. He parted company with the Hirsch's and the Kohlers and the Phillipsons when he assumed an attitude of sympathy and understanding towards the cultural activities of his own Jewish generation. When Zionism appeared on the scene, Heller unlike his colleagues, did not treat the movement with contempt as an atavistic reversion. He appreciated that the Jewish world was not merely a temple auditorium built to echo rabbinical platitudes. To him the Jewish world was a place full of living people: old Jews aflame with religion; Jewish laborers, groaning under the weight of economic injustice infusing into their class outcry a note of Jewish anguish; Jewish youth casting about for sustaining ideals; Jewish dreamers romanticizing about old Jewish glories; Jewish heroes straining for an opportunity to make sacrifices for Jewish causes; Jewish poets and writers and artists sounding the depths of Jewish emotional play and giving them expression in specifically Jewish accents and colors; a chaos and welter of spiritual energy, commanding admiration by its intensity and vigor.

Heller reacted to all cultural manifestations in contemporary Jewish life. He early appreciated the significance of Zionism and became an ardent disciple of the cult. He had faith in the restorative and regenerative power of the Jewish people. He was sympathetic towards Jewish orthodoxy. He was a warm friend of all Jewish movements which grew out of the seething of energy in Jewish life.

The Reform rabbinate in America is revising many of the pet theories of their sect in relation to modern Jewish activities. The younger element refuses to be bound by the doctrinaire shackles of the classicists of the cult. They insist on being realistic in their treatment of Jewish phenomena and conditions. Dr. Heller, a classicist himself, was among the first to strike out on the new course. Therein he was a unique figure. And in doing so he has won a place for himself in the affections of the general Jewish public shared by no other Reform rabbi, save perhaps Dr. Stephen Wise.

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the four groomsmen were Al. Friend, Sam Snider, Arthur Snider, brothers of the bride, and Dave Share. Arthur Goldsmith was an usher. After a dinner for one hundred guests a reception to five hundred took place in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Snider, the latter dressed in beige silk lace, with shoes and hose to match and a corsage of roses, assisted the bride and groom in receiving. Mrs. M. Lewis, of Montreal, aunt of the groom, received with M. Wolfson. She was gowned in beige and gold lace with shoes and hose to match, and a corsage of roses. The out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. S. Snider, of New York, grandparents of the bride. They will celebrate their diamond wedding soon. Mrs. M. Lewis and Miss Esther Lewis of Montreal; Mrs. J. Abramsky, of Kingston, Ont.; Mrs. A. G. Gould of Boston, Mass., Mrs. Jackson, of Buffalo, and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Samuels, of Winnipeg were there. The couple left for a honeymoon to Montreal and Quebec. The bride's going away costume was an amber suede coat trimmed with beige fox collar and cuffs, amber velvet braid hat and shoes, hose and hand bag to match. They will live in Toronto.

Louis Kronenberger is the author of a first novel entitled "The Grand Manner" which Horace Liveright publishes.

FEDERATION ELECTS OFFICERS

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of Federation officers elected were: P. Hermant, president; Charles Drahmin, D. Dunkelman, S. Kronick, N. L. Nathanson, vice-presidents; Joseph Schwartz, treasurer; Dr. Abraham Brodey, honorary secretary. J. I. Oelbaum, executive director of Federation, continues to act in that capacity.

Federation announces the opening of a Medical Diagnostic Clinic at Scheuer House by Jewish doctors on a voluntary basis.

SYNAGOGUE DINNER

Annual Congregational dinner and dance honouring Rabbi and Mrs. Samuel Sachs took place in the vestry rooms of the Synagogue, Sunday evening, March 31st. Dave Levinne was chairman and toastmaster. Speakers were Louis M. Singer and Rabbi J. Gordon. Toasts: "Our Rabbi and Our Synagogue," proposed by Paul Levi, response by Rabbi Samuel Sachs; "The Sisterhood," by E. Pullan, response by Mrs. M. Weinstock; "The Men's Club," by Mrs. M. S. Till, response by Mr. J. M. Gordon; "The Religious School," by J. I. Oelbaum, response by Max Cooper; "Senior and Junior Y.P.L.", by H. M. Smith; response by Earl Fauman. Musical selections by Cantor A. Barkin, Miss Sarah Barkin and Leon Barkin, Dancing. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. Adelberg, Mr. and Mrs. L. Adelberg, Mrs. D. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur I. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. B. Enushevsky, Mr. and Mrs. S. Dineburg, Mr. and Mrs. A. Fine, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. S. Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. M. Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gordon, Rev. and Mrs. Gringorten, Mr. and Mrs. B. Hillman, Mr. and Mrs. S. Kalles, Mr. and Mrs. D. Lavine, Mr. and Mrs. P. Levi, Mr. and Mrs. D. Levinne, Mr. and Mrs. C. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Levy, Mr. and Mrs. N. Margulies, Mr. and Mrs. M. Mirochnick, Mr. and Mrs. J. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Oelbaum, Mr. and Mrs. E. Pullan, Harry Pullan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rashkofsky, Mr. and Mrs. M. Ratney, Mr. and Mrs. A. Rogul, Mr. and Mrs. N. Rosenberg, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rosenthal, Mr. and Mrs. H. Roben, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Siegel, Mr. and Mrs. C. Simon, Mr. and Mrs. S. Simonsky, Mr. and Mrs. H. Skolnick, H. M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Till, Mr. and Mrs. J. Weil, Mr. and Mrs. M. Weinstock, Mr. and Mrs. E. White, Mr. and Mrs. M. Wintrob, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Weiner, Mr. and Mrs. G. Solway, G. Fauman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Schwartz, Rev. and Mrs. A. Barkin, Miss Sarah Barkin, L. Barkin, Mr. and Mrs. S. Weber, Mr. and Mrs. H. Papernick, Mr. and Mrs. M. Sodomsky, Mr. and Mrs. L. Cadesky, Mr. and Mrs. Langer, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Singer, Mr. and Mrs. S. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. J. Graner, Mr. Max Donn, Mr. David Siegel, Miss G. Siegel, Mr. and Mrs. C. Rotenberg, Mr. and Mrs. D. Pullan, Mr. and Mrs. H. Breslin, Dr. Mark Zimmerman, Dr. and Mrs. S. Lavine, Morris Margulies, Miss Rollin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rose, M. Sandler, Mr. and Mrs. Max Cooper, Rabbi and Mrs. J. Gordon, Rabbi and Mrs. S. Sachs.

B'NAI B'RITH

Toronto Lodge No. 836 I.O.B.B. met at the King Edward Hotel, Monday evening, April 1st, with the president, Harry Rosenthal in the chair. Chief Inspector Nat. Guthrie spoke in the absence of Rabbi S. Sachs, on "Canada's Present and Future." He said that 90% of the world's nickel and 85% of the world's asbestos is mined in Canada. Isadore Markus spoke. The following will comprise the committee when the campaign is launched within the next few weeks for $25,000. Honorary chairman, N. L. Nathanson; chairman, P. Hermant; Committee, Charles Drahmin, Arthur Cohen, J. E. Tarshis, H. C. Greenberg, Elly Marks, M. G. Cohen, L. Simon, L. Gelber; campaign director, Jess Kaplan. 1929 Camp Committee: executive chairman, Isadore Markus; vice-president, Mort Levy; treasurer, Sol. Kaufman; secretary, Martin Cohn; executive, J. I. Oelbaum, Ralph Raphael, Mark G. Cohen, Harry Rosenthal, committee chairman finance, S. Kaufman; purchasing, Harry Horn; transportation, Mort Levy; application, Ralph Raphael; educational, Rabbi S. Sachs; visiting, Jess Kaplan; publicity, J. I. Oelbaum; medical, Dr. A. Brodey; dental, Dr. A. Lipson; camp director, Martin Cohn. M. Wintraub, chairman of A.&A., announced that the installation of the junior Body of Bnai Brith would take place Sunday evening, April 7th, at the King Edward Hotel. An executive of the Grand Chapter will be present from Detroit to act as installing master, and the members of the lodge and their ladies will be welcome.

HADASSAH

Western Chapter of Hadassah met at a Purim luncheon Wednesday, March 27th, at Old Spain. Mrs. David Dunkelman was guest of honour. Mrs. H. Shaberman presided. Rummage Sale April 15th. Communicate with Mrs. M. Goldberg, Kings 9610; or Mrs. S. Dineburg Lakes 7366-W; or Mrs. A. Fine, Lloydbrook 9689, Mrs. D.

of Ottawa, donated $5 to the chapter for the rummage sale and Mrs. B. Sherman donated $1 through Mrs. M. Schlachter. A scarf, donated by Mrs. N. Hochman, was ruffled and won by Mrs. N. Rodisch, a new member. Mrs. C. Alter, won the lucky number in the blanket book of Mrs. M. Johnson. Mrs. M. Schlachter donated a cushion which will be raffled later. The chapter presented Mrs. H. Shalberman, with ten trees planted in the Herzl Forest, on the bar mitzvah of her son, Albert. Next meeting Monday afternoon, April 8th, at the home of Mrs. L. Stone, 34 Beatrice St.

Naomi Chapter met Monday afternoon, April 1st, at the home of Mrs. M. I. Greisman, 38 Wells St. Convenors for the Pesach tea April 29th are: Mesdames F. A. Silverman, L. Cadesky and D. Vise. Next meeting Monday afternoon, April 15th, at the home of Mrs. F. A. Silverman, 241 Lauder Ave.

Rose Chapter meets Monday afternoon, April 15th, at the home of Mrs. N. Margulies, 10 Wells Hill Ave.

Kadimah Chapter met Monday, April 1st, at the home of Mrs. L. Goldstein, Standish Ave.

Scopus Chapter meets Monday afternoon, April 8th. Theatre night Wednesday evening, April 10th, at the Standard Theatre.

Central Chapter met Monday evening, April 1st. Mrs. L. M. Schwartz, president, called upon A. Rhinewine to introduce the guest speaker, David Bloch, ex-mayor of Tel-Aviv, Palestine. Isaac Gerstenkorn, president and founder of Colony Bnai Braak, Palestine, was also a guest speaker. National Fund conveners, Mesdames D. Abramowitz and H. Lazaresco, and by the sewing convener, Mrs. E. I. Kenen, reported. In the absence of Mrs. I. Fink, the Sick Committee, a report was submitted by Mrs. A. D. Soloway. Mrs. D. Brown cut the birthday cake, made by Mesdames D. Abramowitz, L. Gluskin and I. Fink.

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JEWISH COMMUNITY LEAGUE

The Jewish Community Softball League met at the Herzl Zion Club, Sunday, March 31st, with the president, Dr. Joe Finmark in the chair. Present: Harry Sniderman, Max Cooper, R. Freeman, and the secretary, Max Donn. Clubs: Tuex, Ben Solway; Zangwills, P. Muscoe; Gideons, Ben. Robinson; Hasmonians, Morris Tobias; Herzls, B. Klein; Bnai Brith, Dr. A. Lipson; Pals, Chas. Siegel; Judean Benevolent, Ben. Gudofsky. The new manager of the Y.M.H.A. team will be J. "Baltimore" Havelock, phone evenings TR. 1780. Applications are invited by the League for the position of umpire, to be mailed to M. Donn, 291 Ossington Ave. Apt. 3. Harry Sniderman reported that the schedule for the coming season was completed and the draw for the opening week of Monday, May 6th, as follows:

Monday, May 6th, Tuex vs Herzls.
Tuesday, May 7th, Bnai Brith vs Pals.
Wednesday, May 8th, Hasmonians vs Judean Benevolent.

The League is applying to the Parks Dept. for permission to erect a score-board. The League will provide for 15 trophies for the members of championship teams. All the teams have received their playing certificates. Friends of the late Hy Goldman have offered the League a perpetual challenge trophy in his memory. The League accepted their offer, on a motion by Harry Sniderman and Ben. Gudofsky, and the Memorial Trophy will become the Perpetual Challenge trophy of the league with Hy. Bossin as chairman of the Board of Trustees. In memory of the late Willie Frankel, the president announced that he would present individual awards to the members of the League Championship team.

BETA GAMMA

Beta Gamma held a monthly social, Monday, April 1st., at the home of Hannah Stern, 39 Beatrice Street, to play bridge. Prize-winners were: Misses Rose Wise, Mary Koffman and Betty Rose.

Deaths

Funeral services for the late Mrs. May Gold, widow of the late S. Gold, were held Monday afternoon, March 25, from the home of her son, Max, 224 1-2 Simcoe St., to McCaul St. Synagogue, where Rabbi Jacob Gordon and Rabbi B. Wladowsky officiated. Burial took place in McCaul St. Synagogue cemetery. Mrs. Gold died Monday in Mt. Sinai hospital, where she had been since she fractured her hip four weeks ago. She was in her 81st year, and lived with her daughter, Mrs. J. Gold, 1177 Bloor W. Mrs. Gold was member of McCaul St. Synagogue. She was born in Osovetz, Russia, and lived most of her life in Skrigalow, Russia, where she married and reared her children. About 25 years ago Mrs. Gold came to New York City, where she lived for seven years, then removing to Toronto. Her husband predeceased her 12 years ago. Surviving are three daughters: Mrs. B. Chazanowitz, Rochester, N.Y.; Mrs. S. Grand, New York City; Mrs. J. Gold, Toronto; and three sons, Louis, in North Carolina; Max and Sol, Dundas St., merchants, of Toronto.

DIES WITHOUT KNOWING OF HUSBAND'S DEATH

The death occurred of Rebecca Savein, age 52, widow of the late Nathan Savein, Tuesday, March 26th, after an illness of five months, at the Toronto General Hospital. Her husband predeceased her by three months and Mrs. Savein died without knowing of her husband's death. The funeral took place from her home, 8 Larch Street, to the Lambton Cemetery of the Men of England Synagogue, Wednesday, March 27th. Rev. K. Bernstein officiated. She is survived by her children Ralph, Louis, Alex, Annie, and Sarah Savein, all of Toronto; and two sisters, Mrs. H. Bermen, Bellwoods Avenue; and Mrs. M. Finestein, Ontario Street.

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AT PURIM PARTY

Junior Sons of Israel met at the Brunswick Avenue Talmud Torah at 2.30 p.m. Sunday. Mrs. H. Allen was present. Daughters of Israel gave a Purim party for the Daughters and Sons of Israel at the Zionist Institute, Thursday, March 28th. Rabbi Samuel Sachs, guest speaker, lectured on Purim. Next meeting held at the Talmud Torah, room 10, at 2 p.m. Phone secretary, Joe Lubek, 419 Manning Avenue, Trinity 5903 W. At the Purim party hostesses were Mesdames H. Allen, L. Steinhouse, S. Chapnick, M. Speigel, B. Wladowsky, M. Geller, J. Landsberg and S. Greenbaum; Juvenile Daughters of Israel were: Misses Eva Goldenberg, Pearl Troster, Doris Gluskin, Dorothy Slovin, Goldie Levitts, Edith Zackheim, Margaret Bernstein, Ethel Bernstein, Margaret Greenbaum, Ruth White, Bertha Mareus, Sadie Froman, Margaret Allen, Jewel Smith, Ruth Siegel, Anne Siegel, Dorothy Teter, Sylvia Fishbein, Rose Shooster, Bella Soll, Thelma Rosenberg, Bessie Bronstein, Sylvia Simbrow, Lily Placey, Selma Moranis and Stella Simbrow. Junior Daughters of Israel were: Misses Reta Snow, Sylvia Simon, Evelyn Fidler, Esther Ladowsky, Bernice Levitts, Sylvia Sheftel, Ruth Willinsky, Reta Simbrow, Dorothy Slovin, Esther Garbe, Molly Colton, Pearl Rosenberg, Sarah Atkins, Anne Markus, Anne Miller, Fanny Myers, Ruth Freeman, Sarah Reubins and Rose Seligman; and Joe Lubek, Moe Amsterdam, Nathan Rovner, George Steinhouse, Murray Keyfitz, Al Zarsky, Arthur Freeman, Fred Steinhouse, Arthur Rubinoff, Ralph Burke, Ernest Lampert, Harold Siegel, Fred Chapnick, S. Young, Jerome Bluestein, Alex Levy, Ben Sugarman, Joe Solomon, Harry Zarsky, Morton Seifer, Jack Taylor, Mac Goldman, Mac Onrott, Leon Mossny, Sam Small, Gordon Donsky, Irving Appleby, Seymour Seigel, Stanley Seifer, Sidney Spelgel, Abe Cohen and Melvin Marrus.

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TO CLOTHE OLD FOLKS

Sunday, March 31st, a general meeting was held at the Jewish Old Folk's Home, 31 Cecil Street. The president, S. Harris, presided. He asked for "Mois Chitim" for Pesach to provide the old folks with clothes and comforts. Programme by Louis Herman, tenor solo; George Turner, violin; Gordon McLean, piano; Sigmund Steinberg, violin, and violin duets by Turner and Steinberg accompanied by McLean. Refreshments.

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Rabbi Isserman's Editorials

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of Jews upon them. But when, as is the case now, their appeal is made primarily to humble children by uncouth ignoramuses, then such missions are a reproach and an insult and a discredit. They should be speedily abandoned. I am happy to note that some of the larger Christian denominations have discontinued them."

The replies to the press on these obvious facts have largely come from very orthodox fundamentalist Christians, whose religious sincerity, we respect, but whose patent ignorance of modern biblical scholarship and of the development of religious thought we deplore but understand. The replies of the missionaries verify everything that we said in our sermon. In one of them the following interesting and absurb statement is made "What is the Bond Street Synagogue (Holy Blossom) but a mission to Gentiles, and the Rabbi a missionary to the Christians to wean them away with his polished oratory from the faith of their fathers." The Holy Blossom Synagogue has been accused of many things. Jews have accused us of abandoning Judaism. Others have accused us of being a mission to Christianize Jews. This is the first time that we have been accused of endeavoring to Judaize Christians. We are happy to note that some one is willing to credit us with doing Jewish work.

The divine who made his pulpit attack concluded with an appeal to orthodox Jews about the coming of the Messiah, etc. This is significant. Apparently reform Jews in the mind of that thinker are farther away from Christianity than ever. And in that he is right. The reform Jew has abandoned the belief in the coming of any Messiah. He hopes and works for a Messianic age, which shall come as the result of the concerted action of an enobled humanity. He is far removed from the theology of orthodox Christianity.

Again we and all unbelievers were told that we are of the unsaved and shall be punished in hell. Thus glibly are the majority of mankind by teachers of a religion of love condemned to eternal damnation. At least we shall have good company in hell. How far are Christian leaders from the teachings of the Nazarene when they are ready because of dogmatic differences to consign to eternal punishment most of the human race!

We have heard from many Christian ministers who endorse our attitude to Christian missions, and are glad to point out that the United Church of Canada has abandoned them. The enlightened among Christians are ashamed of the existence of missions to Jews.

RABBI MAX HELLER, A MAKER OF RABBINIC TRADITION

The death last week of Rabbi Max Heller of New Orleans, one of the pioneer Reform Rabbis of America, removed from the American rabbinate one of its most brilliant, scholarly and militant leaders. Rabbi Heller was a thorough scholar steeped in the lore of Judaism and equally at home in the classics of other cultures. He ministered, for many years, to an aristocratic and cultured Jewish congregation in New Orleans. Despite the antipathy of his congregation to Zionism, Rabbi Heller was one of the leaders of the Zionist movement. He was the first of the reform rabbis to teach and preach Zionism. At the Central Conference of Rabbis, he frequently was the storm center because of his militant Zionism. A speaker of excentional ability, and a thinker profound and logical, Rabbi Heller's debates before the conference were always stimulating and valuable. He was a great fighter and knew how to stand alone. For the younger rabbinate, he leaves a splendid reward of pulpit militancy combined with scholarship and elegance. In many ways Rabbi Max Heller enriched the traditions of the American rabbinate, and leaves to all his colleagues and especially to his gifted son, Rabbi James G. Heller, a heritage that is challenging.

THE SPIRIT OF THE JEWISH WORKERS IN PALESTINE

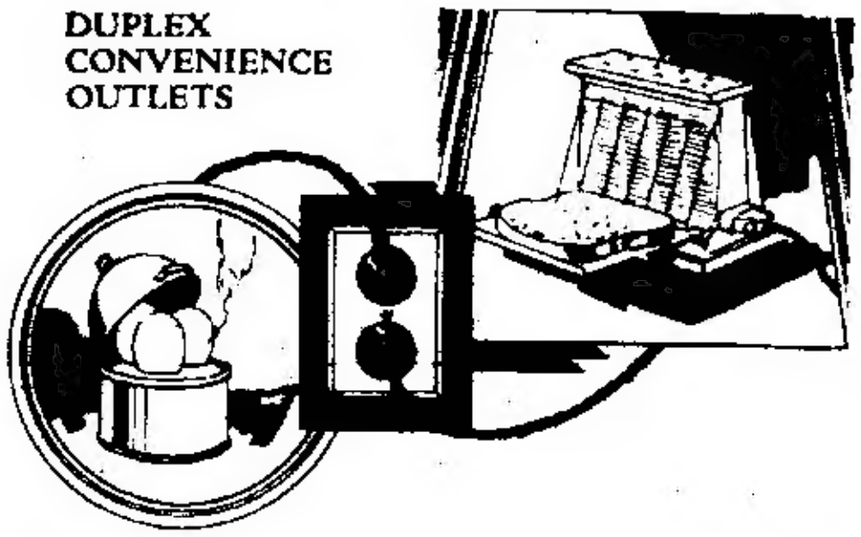
The visit of David Bloch, ex-mayor of Tel Aviv, who came to Toronto as the representative of forty thousand Jewish workers in Palestine (fourteen thousand of these workers are women) has aroused in us the memories of our own contacts with the Jewish workers in Palestine. Their idealism, their devotion to a cause, their joy in being pioneers, their voluntary sacrifices, bespeak of the qualities of prophetic spirits. It seems at if the Jewish workers of Palestine are determined to prove to the world that the ideals of the Prophets of Israel, which the Christian world has admired but not practised can be realized in modern society.

We shall just repeat a few incidents which indicate that spirit.

We visited Ben Zevi who is the leader of Jewish labor in Palestine. His wife is a worker. Ben Zevi is more than a labor leader. He is a Jewish statesman. He lived in a small, humble home in Jerusalem. His library contained the books of a cultured man and revealed an interest in all human concerns, artistic and religious as well as economic. Ben Zevi spoke of the Arab problem, of the duty of the Jewish worker to elevate the status of Arab labor. Already Arab workers had joined Jewish organizations, and he envisioned a peace between Jew and Arab with the labor movement as the mediator. The Ben Zevi became eloquent as he advocated greater immigration for Palestine. He is the only labor leader of the world whom we have heard advocate greater immigration. Usually labor fears immigration, fears the effects of more laborers on wages, etc. But Ben Zevi is a Jewish statesman. He loves his ideal, and to advance his country's ultimate welfare, he is willing that labor be inconvenienced temporarily.

We visited Tel Hai, and there met Mr. and Mrs. Said both of whom were born in Palestine. Both of them looked like hardy pioneers. We saw their humble quarters, their son laid up with malaria. They both seemed so able, so confident and courageous, that we asked the question "Why do you, such able people, live here midst such difficulties?" The reply came from both "Our reward is the joy of restoring this land. We live it." We came to the cemetery where lie buried a few Jewish workers. On the simple tombstones we only saw first names. Family names were missing. Unusual, we thought, and to our query, came the reply "Our work and our toil in Palestine is our monument. We want no other remembrance."

Tel Hai was attacked during the war by Arabs. Mr. and Mrs. Said helped defend the colony. Like the pioneer women on the frontier, Mrs. Said cooked with one hand and held her rifle to defend her home with the other. A handful of twenty-seven colonists successfully held several thousand Arabs at bay. Three colonists were killed through treachery. One of them was their leader, Joseph Trumpeldor. The spot where he fell was marked by a simple stone. Living simply and sustained by idealism, these pioneers are rebuilding the waste places.



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The Rise of David Levinsky

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same time the bedroom, living-room and kitchen of the teacher's family. His wife and children were always around. These *cheder* teachers were usually a haggard-looking lot with full beards and voices hoarse with incessant shouting.

A special man generally came for an hour to teach the boys to write. As he was to be paid separately, I was not included. The feeling of envy, abasement, and self-pity with which I used to watch the other boys ply their quills is among the most painful memories of my childhood.

During the penmanship lesson I was generally kept busy in other directions. The teacher's wife would make me help her with her housework, go her errands, or mind the baby (in one instance I became so attached to the baby that when I was expelled I missed it keenly).

I seized every opportunity to watch the boys write and would practise the art, with chalk, on my mother's table or bed, on the door of our basement or, on many a gate or fence. Sometimes a boy would let me write a line or two in his copy-book. Sometimes, too, I would come to school before the schoolmaster had returned from the morning service at the synagogue, and practise with pen and ink, following the copy of some of my classmates. One of my teachers once caught me in the act. He held me up as an ink-thief and forbade me come to school before the beginning of exercises.

Otherwise my teachers scarcely ever complained of my behavior. As to the progress I was making in my studies, they admitted, some even with enthusiasm, that mine was a "good head." Nevertheless, to be beaten by them was an every-day experience with me.

Overworkrd, underfed, and goaded by the tonguelashings of their wives, these enervated drudges were usually out of sorts. Bursts of ill temper, in the form of invective, hair-pulling, ear-pulling, pinching, caning, "napecracking," or "chin-smashing," were part of the routine, and very often I was the scapegoat for the sins of other boys. When a pupil deserved punishment and the schoolmaster could not afford to inflict it because the culprit happened to be the pet of a well-to-do-family, the teacher's anger was almost sure to be vented on me. If I happened to be somewhat absent-minded (the only offense I was ever guilty of), or was not quick enough to turn over a leaf, or there was the slightest halt in my singsong, I received a violent "nudge" or a pull by the ear.

"Lively, lively, carcass you!" I can almost hear one of my teachers shout these words as he digs his elbow into my side. "The millions one gets from your mother!"

This man would beat and abuse me even by way of expressing approval.

"A bright fellow, curse him!" he would say, punching me with an air of admiration. Or, "Where did you get those brains of yours, you wild beast?" with a violent pull at my forelock.

During the winter months, when the exercises went on until 9 in the evening, the candle or kerosene was paid for by the boys, in rotation. When it was my turn to furnish the light it often happened that my mother was unable to procure the required two copecks (one cent). Then the teacher or his wife, or both, would curse me for a sponge and a robber, and ask me why I did not go to the charity school.

Almost every teacher in town was known among us boys by some nickname, which was usually borrowed from some trade. If he had a predilection for pulling a boy's hair we would call him "wig-maker" or "brush-maker;" if he preferred to slap or "calcimine" the culprit's face we would speak of him as a mason. A "coach-man" was a teacher who did not spare the rod or the whip; a "carpenter," one who used his finger as a gimlet, *boring* a pupil's side or cheeks a "locksmith," one who had a weakness for "turning the screw," or pinching.

The greatest "locksmith" in town was a man named Shmerl. But then he was more often called simply Shmerl the Pincher. He was one of my schoolmasters. He seemed to prefer the flesh of plump, well-fed boys, but as these were usually the sons of prosperous parents, he often had to forego the pleasure and to gratify his appetite on me. There was something morbid in his cruel passion for young flesh, something perversely related to sex, perhaps. He was a young man with a wide, sneering mouth.

He would pinch me black and blue till my heart contracted with pain. Yet I never uttered a murmur. I was too profoundly aware of the fact that I was kept on sufferance to risk the slightest demonstration. I had developed a singular faculty for bearing pain, which I would parade before the other boys. Also, I had developed a relish for flaunting my martyrdom, for being an object of pity.

Oh, how I did hate this man, especially his sneering mouth! In my helplessness I would seek comfort in dreams of becoming a great man some day, rich and mighty, and avenging myself on him. Behold! Shmerl the Pincher is running after me, cringingly begging my pardon, and I, omnipotent and formidable, say to him: "Do you remember how you pinched the life out of me for nothing? Away with you, you cruel beast!"

Or I would vision myself dropping dead under one of his onslaughts. Behold him trembling with fright, the heartless wretch! Serves him right.

If my body happened to bear some mark of his cruelty I would conceal it carefully from my mother, lest she should quarrel with him. Moreover, to betray school secrets was considered a great "sin."

One night, as I was changing my shirt, anxiously manoeuvering to keep a certain spot on my left arm out of her sight, she became suspicious.

"Hold on. What are you hiding there?" she said, stepping up and inspecting my bare arm. She found an ugly blotch. "Woe is me! A lamentation upon me!" she said, looking aghast. "Who has been pinching you?"

"Nobody."

"It is that beast of a teacher, isn't it?"

"No."

"Don't lie, Davie. It is that assassin, the cholera take him! Tell me the truth. Don't be afraid."

"A boy did it."

"What is his name?"

"I don't know. It was a boy in the street."

"You are a liar."

The next morning when I went to *cheder* she accompanied me.

Arrived there, she stripped me half-naked and, pointing at the discoloration on my arm, she said, with ominous composure:

"Look! Whose work is it?"

"Mine," Shmerl answered, without removing his longstemmed pipe from his wide mouth. He was no coward.

"And you are proud of it, are you?"

"If you don't like it you can take your ornament of a son along with you. Clear out, you witch!"

She flew at him and they clenched. When they had separated, some of his hair was in her hands while her arms, as she subsequently owned to me, were marked with the work of his expert fingers.

Another schoolmaster had a special predilection for digging the huge nail of his thumb into the side of his victim, a peculiarity for which he had been named "the Cossack," his famous thumb being referred to by the boys as his spear. He had a passion for inventing new and complex modes of punishment, his spear figuring in most of them. One of his methods of inflicting pain was to slap the boy's face with one hand and to prod his side with the thumb of the other, the slaps and the thrusts alternating rhythmically. This heartless wretch was an abject coward. He was afraid of thunder, of rats, spiders, dogs, and, above all, of his wife, who would call him indecent names in our presence. I abhorred him, yet when he was thus humiliated I felt pity for him.

His wife kept a stand on a neighboring street corner, where she sold cheap cakes and candy, and those of her husband's pupils who were on her list of "good customers" were sure of immunity from his spear. As I scarcely ever had a penny, he could safely beat me whenever he was so disposed.

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